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Date of Sailing. 2-30 P.M.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
18th Dec.	EGYPT	7912	.....	...
25th "	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	9505
1910 1st Jany.	HIMALAYA	6898	.....	...
8th "	SALSETTE	6000	MARMORA	10509
15th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
22nd "	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	10890
29th "	DELHI	8090	.....	...
5th Feb.	SALSETTE	6000	MOOLTAN	9021
12th "	INDIA	7911	.....	...
19th "	MANTUA	10855	.....	...
26th "	CALEDONIA	7586	.....	...
4th March.	SALSETTE	6000	CHINA	7913
12th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	...
19th "	SALSETTE	6000	MALWA	10883
26th "	ARCADIA	6903	.....	...
2nd April.	EGYPT	7912	.....	...
2nd April.	MACEDONIA	10512	.....	...
9th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	...
16th "	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	9505
23rd "	MANTUA	10855	.....	...
30th "	SALSETTE	6000	MARMORA	10509
7th May.	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	...
14th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	10890
21st "	PERSIA	7951	.....	...

The above Steamers convey Passengers to Marseilles, Plymouth and London.

Passengers for Brindisi tranship to a connecting Steamer at Port Said.

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"Romanby"	3835	10th Jan.	Philadelphia

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LINGA	2,171	Mon. 20th Dec.	11 a.m.	P.D. & G.M.
KOLA	1,305	Thur. 23rd Dec.	9 a.m.	O Mandvi
LHASA	2,171	Fri. 24th Dec.	6 a.m.	Direct †

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† Or later on arrival of English mail steamer.

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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Barillon	23rd Dec. 1909
AUSTRALIEN	6,365	Riquier	20th Jan, 1910
CALEDONIEN	4,130	X.	17th Feb. "
DUMBEA	5,695	R-buffat	17th Mar. "
ARMAND BEHIC	6,385	Guiconnet	14th Apr. "
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Barillon	12th May "
NERA	5,538	Martin	9th June "

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS.

RETURN TICKETS can be made available for one way by the Messageries Maritimes, and the Return Voyage by the Austrian Lloyd's or the Navigations General Italiana's at Reduced Fares.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on or about
DUMBEA	5,695	Rouffat.	31st Dec. 1909.
ARMAND-BEHIC	6,385	Guiconnet	28th Jan. 1910.

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Vessels	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
Dec. BALDUINO	4,380	D. Maganzini	18th Janv. 1910.
R. RUBATTINO	4,569	L. Mancini	18th Feb. 1910.

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1st Class, Inside Cabin	Rs. 400	Rs. 600
2nd Class	Rs. 350	Rs. 525

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The fares to New York will be:—1st Class, Rs. 728; and 2nd Class, Rs. 524.

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BOMBAY TO COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on.
CAPRI	6,000	F. Dini	17th Dec. 1909.
ISCHIA	6,000	G. Balsito	17th Janv 1910
CAPRI	6,000	F. Dini	17th Feb. 1910.

Fares to COLOMBO Rs. 75, to PENANG Rs. 140, to .....to SINGAPORE Rs. 165 and to HONGKONG Rs. 220.

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S. S. "Umzumbi".	5,000	16th February, 1910.

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Steamers.	Tons.	Captain.	Date.
OLYMPIA	5124	A. Tait	31st Dec. 1909.
CIRCASSIA	6716	C. F. Osborne, R. N. R.	7th Jan. 1910.
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	19th Jan. 1910.
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	11th Feb. 1910.

HOMEWARD SEASON.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Captain.	Leaves Bombay.
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	25th Feb. 1910.
MASSILIA	5091	J. Thomson	15th March "
OLYMPIA	5124	A. Tait	26th " "
CIRCASSIA	6716	C. F. Osborne, R.N.R.	12th April "
SCINDIA	5106	Wm. Kelso	23rd " "
CASTALIA	6388	J. Hamilton	8th May "
ELYSIA	6368	A. Haig	22nd " "

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	Rs.
Bombay to Suez	413
Bombay to Portsaid	446
Bombay to Marseilles	573
Bombay to Liverpool	605
Bombay to London Overland from Marseilles	653
Bombay to New York	803
Bombay to Suez and back	627
Bombay to Portsaid and back	677
Bombay to Liverpool and back	990
Bombay to London via Marseilles and back from Liverpool	1,033
Bombay to New York and back	1,340

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Rangoon	Batavia	Hankow
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Branches:
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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL
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CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS will be opened from the 1st of September, 1909, and interest is allowed on daily balances from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,00,000 at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum and on sums over Rs. 1,00,000 by special arrangement. No interest which does not amount to Rs. 5 per half year will be allowed.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Amount for 12 months are received at 5 per cent. and for other periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

LOANS, OVERDRAFTS AND CASH CREDITS.

The Bank grants accommodation on terms to be arranged against approved security.

The Bank undertakes on behalf of its constituents, the safe custody of Shares and Securities and the collection of dividends and interest thereon; it also undertakes the sale and purchase of Government paper and all descriptions of Stocks at moderate charges, particulars of which may be had on application.

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F. H. SUTTON, Manager.

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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£ 1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	£ 1,125,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	£ 562,500
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£ 562,500
RESERVE FUNDS	£ 250,000

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FIXED DEPOSITS.

Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter period to be ascertained on application.

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Capital Subscribed	Rs. 1,00,00,000
Capital Called up	,, 50,00,000
Reserve Fund	,, 1,75,000

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The Hon'ble Mr. IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA, C. I. E.

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FIXED DEPOSITS.

Amounts for 12 months are received at 4½ per cent. and for other periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

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RESERVE FUND	£ 750,000

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Lahore	Mandalay,	Mombasa,
Amritsar,	Colombo,	Nairobi,
Delhi,	Kandy,	Entebbe.

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RESERVE FUNDS	,, 15,900,000

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By Order of the Board,
J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 16th December, 1909.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

THE Public are advised that the EXCURSION TRAIN to SURAT will NOT RUN on Saturday, the 25th December, 1909, and 1st January, 1910. The corresponding Return Train from Surat on MONDAY, the 27th December, 1909, and 3rd January, 1910, will also be CANCELLED.

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 10th December, 1909.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE TO INTENDING PASSENGERS.

TO enable the Railway Company to provide adequate accommodation to meet the heavy Passenger Traffic from Bombay by the Mail Trains during the Christmas Holidays, intending First and Second Class Passengers are requested to book their seats beforehand at Colaba Station.

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
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SINGLE TICKETS.		Pies per mile.
First Class	First 300 miles ...	18
	Additional distance	12
Second Class	First 300 miles ...	9
	Additional distance	6
3rd Class Ordinary	First 100 miles ...	2¼
	Additional distance	2
3rd Class by Mail	(As at present)	3

RETURN TICKETS.

First Class	27
Second Class	13½

2. Return Tickets available for six months will be issued in local booking between any two Stations, over 100 miles apart and in through booking with Foreign Railways when the journey over this Railway is over 100 miles but subject to a minimum charge as for 130 miles.

3. For further particulars application may be made to the Undersigned or the Fare Lists exhibited at Stations may be referred to.

4. No change will be made at present in the Fares for Season Tickets.

5. Week and Return Tickets and Books of Coupons will be issued available between certain Principal Stations, at rates notified from time to time.

A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.
Victoria Terminus,
Bombay, 11th December, 1909.

BOMBAY, BARODA & CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

REVISION OF PASSENGER FARES.

ON and from the 1st January, 1910, the 1st and 2nd class SINGLE JOURNEY FARES over the B. B. & C. I. Railway System, will be REVISED as follows:—

		Pies per mile.
1st Class	For the 1st 300 miles	18
	For any additional distances	12
2nd Class	For the 1st 300 miles	9
	For any additional distances	6

2. No change will be made in the Intermediate and 3rd Class Fares, nor in the upper and lower class fares charged on the Gaekwar's Dabhoi and Rajpipla Railways.

3. On and from the same date, 1st and 2nd Class Return Tickets will be issued at the rates shown below: in Local booking between any two Stations over 100 miles apart and in through-booking with Foreign Railways when the journey over the B. B. & C. I. Railway is over 100 miles, but subject in both cases to a minimum charge as for 130 miles.

	pies per mile.
First Class	27
Second Class	13½

These Return Tickets will be available for completion of the journey within 6 months from date of issue and by the route for which issued.

4. SEASON TICKETS.—There will be no alteration in the present charges for Season Tickets issued between the Bombay Local and Suburban Stations as shown at pages 134 to 142 of the B. B. & C. I. Railway's current Time Table and Guide.

5. WEEK-END RETURN TICKETS.—Except where specially notified, Cheap Week-End Return Tickets will be issued between certain principal Stations only, provided the distance is 50 miles or over, at the following revised fares for the double journey:—

First Class at	1½ fares.
Second „	1½ fares.
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Third „	1½ fares.

6. WEEKLY EXCURSION TRAIN FROM BOMBAY TO SURAT AND BACK.—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Return Tickets available by this Train will be issued between certain Stations at single (revised) fares for the double journey.

7. For detailed rules and fares attention is invited to the B. B. & C. I. Railway's Time Table and Guide for January, February and March, 1910.

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 7th December, 1909.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. TULSIDAS LULLOOBHAI MODY, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, has contracted to SELL to our client, the undermentioned property; all persons having any claims, thereto either by way of inheritance, sale, mortgage, gift, lien or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the Undersigned at their Office, No. 57, Esplanade Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale in question will be completed without reference to any such claim, if there be any, of which they shall not have received notice and such claim will be deemed to have been waived.

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY at Bapoo Khote Street, or Jambli Mohollа, near Paidhownee.

High Court O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 141 of 1909.

Joosab Jacob Oosman .....Plaintiff
vs.
Halimabai and another .....Defendants.

Under instructions from the Receiver, R. D. Sethna, Esquire, appointed under a Consent Decree in the above suit bearing date, the 26th day of August, 1909, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said Decree, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 17th day of December, 1909, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction on the premises all and singular the land and hereditaments described in the schedule hereto.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground together with messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying, and being at Bapoo Khote Street, otherwise called Jambli Mohollа, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and assessed by the Municipal Assessor and Collector under C Ward No. 5915, Street Nos. 43 to 47, containing by admeasurement 119 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue, under Old Nos. 998, 999, New No. 8181, Old Survey No. 1966 and New Survey No. 1219 and bounded as follows:—On or towards the East by a Sweeper's passage, on or towards the West by Bapoo Khote Street aforesaid, on or towards the North by the property of Shackoo Meya bin Ally Saheb Coor, and on or towards the South by the property of Khatri Haji Suleman Jooma.

Further particulars and printed copies of conditions of sale can be obtained of Messrs. Crawford and Co., Auctioneers, or Messrs. Little and Co., the solicitors for the Receiver, at the office in Sirdar's Buildings, Fort.

AUCTION SALE of the Right to Collect Outstandings.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate of Jeksondas Becha das and others, traded as Bechar Nager, insolvents, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), the right to collect outstandings, amounting to about Rs. 39,000 due to the estate of the above-named insolvents.

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AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE VACANT BUILDING PLOTS ON THE SEA SIDE AT VERSOA, NEAR ANDHERI IN SALSETTE.

HIGH COURT O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 393 of 1908.
Khan Mahomed Haji Vazir
vs.
Tyeb Haji Esmail and others.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the receiver appointed in the above Suit, Messrs. Crawford and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on SUNDAY the 19th day of December, 1909, at 4-30 and 5 p. m. (S. T.), the following valuable vacant plots, separately on the premises at Versoa.

PARTICULARS OF THE LAND.
Lot Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Firstly:—All that leasehold piece or parcel of Government land or ground of Survey No. 82 with a building thereon and foundation for a New Bungalow situate at the Village of Versoa in the Registration Sub-district of Salsette in the Taluka of Salsette, Thana district, containing by admeasurement one acre, and bounded on or towards the north by building plot No. 20, on or towards the south by the road and beyond it building site No. 18, on or towards the east by the road and beyond it land forming part of the Survey No. 86 and on or towards the west by the sea.

Secondly.—All that leasehold piece or parcel of Government vacant land or ground, part of Survey No. 82, situate at the village of Versoa, in the Registration Sub-district of Salsette, in the Taluka of Salsette, Thana district, containing by admeasurement thirty gunthas, and bounded on or towards the north by building Site No. 21, on or towards the south by building Site No. 19, on or towards the east by the Road and beyond it land forming part of Survey No 56, and on or towards the west by the sea.

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At 3-15 p.m. (S. T.)

By order of R. D. Sethna, Esqre., Receiver in Suit No. 786 of 1909, Lalji Thakarsey and Co., vs. Tricamdas Dwarkadas and others.

1 Large Size Silver Race Cup (Cooch Behar) about 400 Tolas.
1 Large Size Silver Race Cup (Byculla Club) about 285 Tolas.
1 Large Size Silver Race Cup (Aga Khan) about 500 Tolas.

At 3 p.m.

Several gents' bicycles by different makers.
1 strong built rubber-tyred landau in good order.
1 light rubber-tyred victoria.
1 light rubber-tyred vis-a-vis.

GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPITALISTS.

AUCTION SALE of Very Valuable landed Properties comprising INTER-ALIA, the private Bazar, called the Virjibhoy Thavar's Bazar, at Haines Road, Byculla, Bombay.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 393 of 1908.
Khan Mahomed Haji Vazir,
vs.
Tyeb Haji Esmail and others.

Under the instructions of Mr. R. D. Sethna, the Receiver appointed in the above Suit, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., Auctioneers, will put up for sale in one lot by Public Auction, at the premises, the following very valuable immovable properties, comprising the said Bazar on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1909, at 4-30 p. m (S. T.)

Lot No. 4.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTIES.—All that piece of Foras land bearing Collector's Old No. 302, New No. 13822, Old Survey No. 348, New Survey No. 3475, containing by admeasurement 1,720 square yards or thereabouts with the market and range of buildings erected thereon, assessed under Ward Nos. 4348 (1), 4348 (2), 4349, 4350 (1), 4350 (2), Street Nos. 133, 134a, 162, 1a, 1, 164-168a, 172 and 1, situate near Byculla Tank in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, fronting on the west side of Haines Road, and bounded on the north and east by Haines Road, on the south by a covered drain, and on the west by a public passage.

For further particulars and printed copies of conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Payne and Company, Attorneys for the Vendor, at their office, No. 18, Esplanade Road or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE of a Very Valuable Building Plot, situate at Matoonga, in Bombay.

HIGH COURT O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 303 of 1908.
Khan Mahomed Haji Vazir
vs.
Tyeb Haji Esmail and others.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the receiver appointed in the above Suit, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of December, 1909, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), the following valuable building plot at the Rooms of the Auctioneers in Bank Street, Fort.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY.—CONTD.

PARTICULARS OF THE LAND.

Lot No. 5.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate at Matoonga, in the Island of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1,021 square yards or thereabouts, and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 124, New No. 16514, Old Survey No. and New Survey No. 10/968, and bounded on or towards the east partly by the land of Domingo Vintoo Fernandez and partly by other property, on or towards the west by the land of Bustaon Bootal, on or towards the north partly by the land of Josento Jao Bureto and partly by the land of Bustaon Bootal, and on or towards the south by the land of Pascol Silva.

For further particulars and printed copies of conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Payne & Co., Solicitors for the Receivers, at their office No. 18, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Lands, situated at the Village of Chakala, near Andheri, near Mr. J. J. Mody's bungalow, and of Valuable Landed properties, (House and Stable), situate at Chandanwadi, Bopa Lane, near Chira Bazaar.

Under instructions from and by the order of R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of Ardesir Pestonji Nanavati an Insolvent, and with the consent and concurrence of the Mortgagee, Mr. Nowroji Sorabji Bansha, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will, on the undermentioned days, sell the undermentioned properties by Public Auction. The lands at Andheri will be sold at the Rooms of the Auctioneers in Fort, Bombay, and the Chandanwadi properties will be sold on the premises.

Lot No. 1. Andheri Lands.

On TUESDAY, the 21st day of December 1909:—at 5 p. m. (S. T.), at the Rooms of the Auctioneers, Bank Street.

Description:—All those two several vacant pieces or parcels of Government land adjoining one another, situate, lying and being in the village of Chakala, in the Salsette Taluka, of the Thana District, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue, Thana, as follows:

Name of Field.	Survey No.	Pot No.	Area.	Assessment
Navealicabhat.	78	0	32	1-11
„	77	6	44	0-8
		Gunthas ...	36½	Rs. 2-3 as.

and both pieces together by recent admeasurement are found to admeasure 5,965 square yards or thereabouts and are bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the north by the Coorla Sion Road, on or towards the south partly by the property of Juran Maryan Ghosal and partly by the property of Mulji Bhikaji Patel, on or towards the east by the property of Sorabji Barjorji and on or towards the west partly by the property of Sorabji Bhikaji and partly by the property of Antor Francis Ghosal.

Lot No. 2, Chandanwadi House.

On THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December 1909 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Premises.

Description.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages, tenements or buildings standing thereon situate on the eastern side of Chandanwady Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and thirty-five square yards or thereabouts, and bearing Collector's Old No. 580, New No. 2774, Old Survey No. 69, and New Survey No. 8217, and bounded on the east by a sweeper's passage, belonging to the house of Sorabji Thoothi, on the west by the public road called Chandanwadi Lane, on the north by the property of Manekji Yazifdar, and on the south by the property of Hormasji Nowroji Vesuna and the buildings whereon are assessed by the Bombay Municipality under Ward No. 3235, and Street No. 5, and which said premises are of the pension and tax tenure and are now in the occupation of the vendor's tenants.

Lot No. 3, Chandanwadi Stable.

On THURSDAY, the 23rd day of December 1909, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises.

Description:—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land situate at Chandanwadi with a Stable standing thereon, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three hundred and thirty-five square yards, be the same a little more or less and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on the east by a passage, on the west by the property of Rustomji Dossbhoy Seth, on the north by the property of the late Muncherji Jamsetji Wadia and on the south by the property of the late Bomanji Hormasji Wadia and which premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "C" Ward No. 3243, Street No. 13, Chandanwadi and are in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application may be made to Messrs. Pestonji Rustom Kola and Co., Attorneys for R. D. Sethna, Esquire, the Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of Ardesir Pestonji Nanavati at No. 79 Meadow Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.
Bombay, 17th December, 1909.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
21 MEADOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY, situate at Thul in the District of Kolaba, Taluka Alibag.

Under instructions from and by the order of Seth Valabhdas Tejpal and Seth Kilachand Deochand, the Receiver appointed under the order, dated the 2nd day of April, 1909, made by the High Court under the composition deed made by Bai Parvati Bai, widow of Khatao Virji Valabhdas Virjee, and the creditors of the firm of Khatao Khetsey and pursuant to the terms of the said order, SORABJEE COWASJEE, Auctioneers, will, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 18th day of December, sell by Public Auction, the undermentioned property at their Sale Rooms at 21 Medows Street, Fort, at 4-30 (S.T.), in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

(A).—All that piece or parcel of garden or ground or cart, containing by admeasurement 2 acres and 7 3-4 goonthas, together with a hut, or building standing thereon, situate at Mowje Thul, in the district of Kolaba, in the Registration Sub-District and Taluka Alibag, Kolaba District, Government Assessment Rupees fourteen, annas three and pies six, bearing Survey No. 234, Plot No. 1, and bounded as follows, i.e.:—On or towards the East by the carts belonging to Bapu Babaji Makerridkam Mahatra, on or towards the West and South by public road, on or towards the North by the gully or passage to this cart, beyond which are carts belonging to Moro Babaji Mahatra and Pilia Moria Mahatra.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY.

(B).—All that piece or parcel of garden ground or cart with trees, shrubs, hedges, etc., standing thereon, situate at Mowje Thul in the district of Kolaba in the Registration Sub-District and Taluka Alibag, containing by admeasurement 7 goonthas, Government assessment Rupees two, annas eight, pies ten of 2 acres and 4 3-4 goonthas bearing Survey No. 270, Plot No. 1 and bounded as follows, i.e.:—On or towards the East by the cart belonging to Pillaji Mahar Mahtra, on or towards the West and North by public road and on or towards the South by the cart belonging to Pillaji Mahar Mahtra.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned Auctioneers.

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Under instructions from and by order of whom it may concern, Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will, on TUESDAY, 21st day of December, 1909, and the following days, sell by Public Auction, at No. 23, 25, Rampart Row, on the ground floor, close to the P. and O. Co.'s office, at 2-30 p. m (S.T.), in small lots to suit convenience of the purchasers.

Catalogues will be published and the goods will be on view 4 days before the day of the sale.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 17th December, 1909.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable Landed Properties at Piroo Lane and Imamwada Road.

Under instructions from Messrs. Payne and Co., Solicitors for Aga Shamsudinshah, the Administrator of the estate of Aga Jangishah, deceased, the undermentioned properties situate at Piroo Lane, and Imamwada Road, respectively, in Bombay, will be put up for sale by Public Auction, at the premises in Bombay, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 17th day of December, 1909, at the times specified against the respective properties:—

Piroo Lane properties at 4 p. m. (S.T.), on the prem

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY.—*Contd.*

silver mounted walking sticks, silk bags, ladies' belts in silk, canvass, leather, embroidered elastic, hat pins, hand painted fans, spangled fans, real lace fans, cut-glass, writing table appointment, silver mounted paper knives, silver mounted writing sets, manicure sets, scarf rings, pins, sleeve links, shirt studs, waist-coat buttons, neckties, studies in imitation bronze, porcelain patch boxes, silk flowers, photograph frames, mirrors, trays, vases, coffee cups, tea cups, wall plates, jam pots, butter pots, ash trays, ladies' combsets, necklaces, soaps, scents, toilet powders, motor-goggles, watch chains, etc., etc.

Teakwood glass shopfittings made by McKenzie, Electric fitting, etc., etc.

The property will be on view two days before the sale.

RE SALE OF PROPERTIES AT WADWALLA AND VILLA PARLE.

Suit No. 238 of 1908.

Jamnawahoo, widow..... Plaintiff

vs.

Jiwawahoo, widow and others..... Defendants.

Private offers for the above properties will be received by the Receiver, R. D. Sethna, Esqr., at his office at the High Court, or by Undersigned upto WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 17th December, 1909.

J. S. MODY AND COMPANY,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
10, BANK STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Landed Property and Pieces of Land at Versova and Ergell, in Subdistrict Bandra, Taluka Salsette, Zilla Thana.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

Suit No. 967 of 1903.

Kulsumbai, widow..... Plaintiff

vs.

Fatmabai and others ..... Defendants.

Under instructions from Messrs. Joomb Mahomed Dama and Fazulbhai Haji Alli, the joint receivers appointed in the above Suit, in pursuance to the directions contained in the Consent Decree, made in the above Suit, on the 17th day of April, 1909, Messrs. T. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers, will put up for sale by Public Auction, the undermentioned immoveable properties, situate at Versova, in Sub-District Bandra, Taluka Salsette, Zilla Thana, on the premises, on SUNDAY, the 19th day of December, 1909, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.)

Firstly.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuage, tenement and dwelling-house standing thereon, together with a well and the place for keeping bullocks and the godown for storing fuels and bounded on the east by a passage beyond which is the house of Valley Currim, on the west and south by public road, and on the north by a passage beyond which is the house of Valley Carrim.

Secondly.—All that piece or parcel of goutan land or ground, bounded on the east by a public passage, on the west and north by the property belonging to Khoja Jamatkhana, and on the south by the property of Khoja Adam Mahomed.

Thirdly.—All that piece or parcel of goutan land or ground together with a chawl on it which is now in a dilapitated condition, and bounded on the east and north by a public road, and on the west and south by the property of Mahomed Jusa.

Fourthly.—All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground containing by admeasurement 33½ gunthas, bearing Survey No. 13, Pot No. 1, and bounded on the east by Khar belonging to Government, on the west by the property of Virji Jairam Thacker, on the north by the land of Dama, and on the south by the public road. For this ground the Government tax is Rs. 5.

Fifthly.—All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground bearing Survey No. 55, Pot No. 2, and 4 containing by admeasurement 56½ gunthas, bounded on the east and west by a public passage, on the south by a garden of Manuel Enas De Monte, and on the north by land of Alladin Mahomed Dama and others. Government tax of this land is Rs. 15.

Sixthly.—All the right, title and interest of the Plaintiff and the Defendants in the above Suit in all that piece or parcel of Government land or ground containing by admeasurement 4 acres and 16 1-4 gunthas, bearing Survey No. 86 and Pot Nos 1 and 2, and bounded on the east and west by a Government Khar, and on the north and south by the property of Virji Jairam. Government tax for this land is Rs. 11-8.

Land at Ergell, in Zilla Thana, Taluka Salsette.

To be sold on the premises fifthly described.

Seventhly.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement 24 gunthas, bearing Survey No. 86, Faini No. 11, and bounded on the east by the property of Lala Govind, on the west and south by the land of Luxman Govind, and on the north by the Government land and for which the Government tax is Ans. 12.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Jehangir, Mehta and Somjee, Attorneys for the receivers, at their office, at Cama building, Madowa Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF NINETEEN NO. 2 "SUN" TYPEWRITERS.

Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers, will, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd December, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, in Bank Street, Fort opposite the Government Central Press, by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Mr. Arthur Rosario trading as Messrs. Leiter & Co., Fort:

19 "Sun" Typewriters No. 2.

Each typewriter will be sold singly to suit purchasers.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Landed Property, at Foot of the Malabar Hill, Walkeshwar Road.

Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers will, on THURSDAY the 23rd day of December, 1909, at the hour of 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction, on the premises, the undermentioned property, by order and under instructions of the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor Narayandas Banarsidas in exercise of the power of Sale contained in the Indenture of mortgage, dated the 4th day of December, 1907, executed by the abovenamed mortgagor in favour of the mortgagees.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages, chawls, houses and outhouses, standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Walkeshwar Road, at foot of the Malabar Hill, and in the registration Sub-district of Bombay, and containing by admeasurement 801 square yards or thereabouts, and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 156, New No. C/1481, Old Survey No. 17, and New Survey No. 5 7,288 and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under D. Ward No. 2,493, and Street No. 321, and bounded on or towards the east by the property of Sobhagchand Badhubhai, on or towards the west by the property of Mancherji N. Davar, on or towards the north by the property of Jaffer Sulleman ji, and on or towards the south by the said Walkeshwar Road.

For printed copies of particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Manchershah and Narmadashankar, Attorneys for the said mortgagees, at their office, in No. 13, Military Square Lane, Fort, or to the undersigned.

J. S. MODY AND CO.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 17th December, 1909.

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DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, 15th December.

Consols 2 1/2 per cent. ...	62 9/16	unchgd
Exchange on London at Paris Fcs. ...	25-22	"
Rentes 3 per cent.	99 1-4	—1/4
Berlin Cheques on London.	20-46 1/2	+0—1/2
Bar Silver Spot.	24 1/8	—3/16
Do. 2 months hence.	24 1/8	—3/16

Closing Tone of Silver. Fall caused by sales from the last.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent. ...	62 5-8	unchgd.
Exchange on India 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate).	1-3-15 1/2	unchgd
Discount, Bank of England Rate 4 1-2 per cent. since 9th December.		
Council Bills—Extra allotments Madras—Rs. 90,000 at 1 4 1-8		
3 1/2 per cent. Indian Stock (Sterling Loan) 97 1/4 —1-4		
Discount Bank Bills 3 months' sight...	4	unchgd
Do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight	3 1/2	—1/8
Do. Fine Trade Bills 3 months...	4 3/8	+1-8
Do. Fine Trade Bills 6 months...	4 3/8	unchgd.
Bar Gold (per oz.)	77/9	unchgd.
Interest day to-day loans	3 3-4	unchgd
Do. of day market loans ...	4+1/8	

MANCHESTER, 15th December.

COTTON.

					Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool ...					5,000
Do. Day's Sales on Spot and for Exp.					...
Do. do. called ...					1,000
Do. Day's Sales of East Indian ...					...
Do. Day's Imports... ...					55,000
Tone of Liverpool Cotton Spot. Dull.					
Do. of Liverpool Cotton Futures, Steady.					
Do. of Liverpool Cotton East Indian, Quiet.					
Tone of Manchester Market. Quiet.					
Mid-Americans					8-01—13
Egyptian F. G. F.					13 1/2—1/8

	D-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
Cotton Delivery	7-83	7-86	7-89	7-93	7-95
Mid. Uplands	—7	—7	—7	—6	—6
G. O. C.	M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	
Liverpool	7-96	7-93	7-94	7-84	
	—6	—5	—5	—7	

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Good Bengal	5 5-8	
F G Bengal	5 3-4	
Fine Bengal	5 7-8	
Good Bhownugger	6 1-8	
F G Bhownuggar	6 1-4	
Fine Bhownuggar	6 3-8	
Fine M G Bhownuggar... ...	6 3-8	
Good Oomra	6 3-16	
F G Oomra	6 5-16	Unchgd.
Fine Oomra	6 7-16	
Good M G Oomra	6 3-16	
Fine M G Oomra	6 7-16	
Good Broach	7	
F G Broach	7 5-32	
Fine Broach	7 5-16	
Good Khandeish	6 1-4	
F G Khandeish...	6 1-8	
F G F Tinnevelly, Liverpool C I F Dec.-Jan.	6 5-16	unchgd
G. M. Westerns C. I. F. London	5 13-32	"
Fair Coconada C I F London	5 1-4	"
Coconada Ginned C I F London	5 1-4	"

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

LINSEED.

Linseed Argentine (La Plata)	50 1-4	
" " months, Dec.-Jan.		
" " Ports, Amstardam.		
" " Buyers, sellers, &c., Done.		

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, 15th December.

COTTON :—

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports	...	22,000
Do. Exports to Great Britain	...	10,000
Do. Exports to Continent...	...	.....

Futures at New York..... Declined early owing to unfavourable cables and advanced later on Southern Buying of futures in the local market.

Jan. 14-99 +5

Do at New York.....

May 15-65 + 8

Spot Cotton at New York ...	...	15·15 + 5
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	...	8 1/2 unchgd
Demand Bills	...	4·88 +1-8
Silver Commercial Bars ...	...	52·3/8—1/2
Spot Cotton at New Orleans	...	15 unchgd
Tone of Spot Cotton ...	...	Firm.
Futures at New Orleans ...		Jan. 15·25+3
Do. at New Orleans ...		May 15·96+3

WHEAT.

AUSTRALIAN.

South Australian ... — ...	...	38 1/2
Months—Jan.-Feb.		
Buyers, etc., Value.		
Tone—Firm.		
Linseed per 416 lbs	...	58 3/4
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.		
Do. Name of Ports—Dunkirk.		
Do. Whether buyers or sellers—Sellers.		
Tone.—Firm.		
Rapeseed—Brown Cownpore ...	...	40 1/2
Do. Months—Dec.		
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp.		
Do. Whether Buyers or Sellers—Sellers.		
Tone—Firmer.		
Wheat Choice White Karachi, per 492lbs C.I.F.	...	41 1-2
Do. Months—Dec-Jan.		
Do. Name of Ports—London.		
Do. Whether Buyers or Sellers, etc.,—Value.		
Tone—Firm.		

RUBBER.

Para Rubber 7-4 Value.

SUGAR.

German Granulated Sugar C.and F. India		
Double Bags first month ...	...	15·3
Month of shipment—May-Aug. Sellers.		
Tone—Steady.		

BEEFF & MUTTON TULLOW.

Finest Australian Beef Tallow.....	36/9
Do. do. Mutton.....	38/9

General tone of tallow auction—Firmar.

METAL.

Copper Braziers ...	...	£59
Yellow Metal ...	...	d 6 1-8

ARRIVALS.—Calcutta.

BOMBAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

MONEY.

The cash balance of the Bank of Bengal is down by 15 lacs but the rate of interest remains unchanged.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The bills were alloted as under :—

Amount offered Rs. 80,00,000

Rs. 15,60,000 were alloted to Calcutta
" 21,30,000 " to Bombay
" 7,700,000 " to Madras

Total Rs. 44,60,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.

Tenderers at the above rate received 11 per cent. above that rate in full.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay, 16'09.

Rs. 4,40,000 to Calcutta
" 26,00,000 to Bombay
" 5,00,000 to Madras

Total Rs. 35,40,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

Tenderers at the above rate received 11 per cent. ; above that rate in full.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay, 16'13.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday with last public sales Rs. 87,20,000.

Amount for next week Rs. 10,000,000.

Extra Allotments Bills on Madras Rs. 90,000 at 1s. 4 1-8d.

EXCHANGE.

There is no change to be reported in the market. T. T. can be had at Is. 4 3-32d., demand at 1s. 4 1-8d. and 3 months' sight credits at 1s. 4 11-32d. There is very little enquiry for remittances for the mail.

We quote :—

T. T. on London ...	...	1s. 4 3/32d.
Demand Do. ...	...	1s. 4 1/8d.
3 m/s. credits ...	...	1s. 4 11/32d.
Do. Francs	...	171 1/2
Do. Marks	...	139 3/4
30 d/s. Hongkong	...	120 1/2
" Shanghai ...	...	174
" Japan ...	...	149 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Government Paper Market opened at 93 1-4 in the morning and closed at 93-5 buyers both for ready and settlement. Transactions were limited.

BULLION.

Bar Silver in London declined 3-16 to 24 1-8 both for Ready and Forward and New York was down by 1-2 at 52 3-8. Speculators are trying to get benefit of their previous purchases. There was a good business offered both for ready and forward so prices dropped by 1/8.

We quote :—

GOLD.

	Rs.	a.	p.
97 touch Fakirsett...	23	9	9
97 touch Chinto	23	4	0
National Bank	24	1	6
Chartered Bank	24	1	0
Sovereigns Shield	15	2	0
Do Dragon	15	0	0
Australian	24	1	0
Mints' Slabs	24	0	0
Oriental Bank			

SILVER.

	Rs.	a.	p.
17 1/2 Penny	63	9	0
17 Penny ready	63	8	0
Local per tola	0	9	9
First Settlement	63	10	0
Second "	63	14	0

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

Description.	Rate.
Linseed, Bold	... Rs. 9 15
Linseed, Small	... " 9 12
RAPESEED—	
Brown Cawnpore	... Rs. 6 5
Yellow do.	... " 6 12
Do. Gujarat	... " 7
Poppyseed	... " 9 5
Castorseed	... " 34
Mowraseed	... " 6 1-2
Maize	... " 21 1-2/22
Groundnuts	... " 38
Khandesh Howri	... " 43/44
White Gin, Bold 95/5	...
Do. do. do. 85/15	...
Do. do. do. 75/25	... Rs. 40/42 1-2
Do. Mixed 50/50	...
Do. Gin, Small 50/50	...
Do. do. do. 85/15	...
Gin, Black Beaver	... " 38/39
Do. Meggi	... " 42/43
Do. do. Secunderabad...	... " 43
Do. Black Kutni	... " 37 1/2
WHEAT—	
Choice Pissi	... " 5 15 6
Delhi	... " 5 7 6

Wheat : Market is steady.
Linseed : Prices are steady.
Rapeseed : Quiet.
Poppyseed : No enquiry at present.
Groundnuts : Fair inquiry. Market firm.
Mowraseed : Steady without any demand.
Castorseed : Steady.
Gingelly : Market strong and there is a fair demand.

Summary of Daily Arrivals of Wheat and Seeds by rail and sea during the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, 15th December :—

Wheat	6,009 cwts.
Linseed	1,870 "
Rape, Rai and Mustardseed ...	495 "
Gingellyseed	17,537 "
Poppyseed	101 "
Groundnuts	1,853 "
Castorseed	2,986 "
Rice	4,727 "
Myrabollams	8,717 "
Cottonseed	41,935 "
Mowrasseed	1,238 "
Gram	2,648 "
Jowar	112 "
Maize	2,649 "

LOCAL YARN.

The Yarn market has gone down all round by 1-16 to 1-8 annas without any business passing, on account of having no response from China markets. Owing to a sudden rise of exchange the prices in China are down by 1 to 2 Taels.

SPINNINGS.

Petits opened at Rs. 3,540 and advanced to Rs. 3,542 1-2 with a firm tone.

We quote :—

BANKS.

Bombay	1,502 1/2
India	64
Indian Specie	53

MILLS.

Davids	380
Manockji Petits...	3,542 1-2 Jan.
Framji Petits	1,740
Emperor Edward	825
Currimbhoy	1,005
Colaba Land and Mill	1,100

PRESSES.

New Berar	550

MISCELLANEOUS.

Badham Pile & Co	132
B. E. S. and T. Co's. Ord ...	95
Bombay E. S. T. C Pref. ...	151
Bombay Steam Nav. Pref. ...	272 1/2
Marcks & Co	123

RAILWAYS.

Ahmedabad Prantej	590
Tapti-Valley	437 1/2

COTTON.

New York being up to-day by 5 points in ready and 8 in futures market was maintained and prices advanced by 2 per cent. Both Exporters and Mills who had slackened their purchasers came out to buy to-day with stiffened prices. For ready prices were maintained and a good business was done but in forwards prices were put up by Rs. 2. The Liverpool opener was 2 to 3 points up market closed with a firm tone. Business in Broach was done in the morning from Rs. 292 1-2 to Rs. 293 but at the close it was quoted Rs. 225. Fine Bengals was quoted Rs. 252 in the morning but at the close it was quoted Rs. 254. In F. Good prices from Rs. 241 advanced to Rs. 242.

The daily arrivals of Cotton by rail and sea ending 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th December 1909 are 24,797 bales.

The following purchases were made to-day :—

Bales			Rs.
400	Bengal	Ralli Brs	256/60
400	Khandesh	"	254/56
200	Poolgaon	W. Wolfe & Co. ...	268
1000	Shirpore	R. D. Master ...	256
500	Khangaum	" ...	272
500	Karanja	" ...	268
200	Ujjain	" ...	285
100	Hingoli	" ...	276
1000	Bengal	E D Sassoon and Co.	258/62
100	Sensbad	Hindustan Mills ...	262
100	Bengal	" ...	245
1000	Bengal	Gaddum Co ...	255/59
100	Methia	Madras Mill ...	250/51
200	Khangaum	Bombay Co. ...	272
100	Khandesh	" ...	254
100	Shegaum	" ...	265
100	Parbant	Glace Co. ...	298
200	"	M. Busaan Kaisha ...	298

We quote :—

	Dec. Rs.	Jan. Rs.
Bengal Fine ...	261	254
" F. Good ...	251	242
Khandesh Fine ...	260	251
" F. Good...	254	245
Amraoti Fine ...	270	262
Akola KbangaumFine...	270	262
Dhamangaon Poolgaon Fine...	276	267
Yeotmal Fine ...	270	262
Nagpore Fine ...	284	275
Wardha Hinganghat Fine...	287	278
Methia Fine ...	360	253
Broach Fine ...	320	March
" Good ...	294 1/2	"
Sawginned " ...	292	Apl-May
Westerns " ...	285	"
Coompta " ...	303	"

LIVERPOOL, 16th December.

Opening Tone and Prices.

Opening Tone	Quiet but steady.
Estimated Sales	7,000
Total Imports	13,000

Future Delivery Prices :—

Dec.—Jan. ...	7·86 + 3
Jan.—Feb. ...	7·89 + 3
Feb.—Mar. ...	7·92 + 3
Mar.—Apl. ...	7·96 + 3
Apl.—May. ...	7·97 + 3
May—June ...	7·99 + 3
June—July ...	7·99 + 3
July—Aug. ...	7·96 + 2
Aug.—Sept. ...	7·86 + 3

FREIGHTS.

Ports.	This month.	Next month.
Antwerp	15 0	... 15 0
Dunkirk	15 0	... 15 0
Havre	16 0	... 15 6
Hull	14 9	... 14 6
Liverpool	15 6	... 15 6
Marseilles	15 6	... 15 6
Genoa	15 6	... 15 0
London... ...	.....	15 0
Hamburg	15 6	... 15 6
Trieste	17 6	... 17 0
Venice	17 6	... 17 0
Open Ports		

The rates are unchanged. Antwerp is done for March, April and May at 14-6.

METALS.

Yellow Metal is brisk and dealers are making enquiry for December-January. Home quotations for a Rex is £56-15 and a firm has done business at £56-10 for January. £57 is quoted for the first four brands. The ring is not making any purchases at present. Copper quotations stand at £69-17-6 but buyers cannot pay the high price. Market locally is dull in absence of a brisk demand.

We quote :—

		lbs.	
Copper Braziere 4×4		21	
		28	
		35	
		42	
		56	Rs. 55 8
		63	
		70	
		77	
		84	
Yellow Metal Sheets		21	
		28	
		35	
		42	Rs. 46 8
		49	
		56	
Tin Ingots.		...	" 40 6
Spelter	S M	...	
	M M	...	
	J	...	" 19 4
	G	...	
Georgehutte		...	" 22 4
Copper Ingots	K S	...	" 49 14
Copper Sheetings ...	lbs. 8, 10, 12, 14		" 60/62
Yellow Metal Sheetings ...	lbs. 14, 16 10, 12		" 47/49

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Tuesday, 14th December.

GOLD.

No. of Packages.	Bullions.	Sovs and half Sovs.	Other coin.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 Bundle ...	.....	.....	2,510
4 Bundles ...	.....	2,400	.....
7 Packages..	.....	75,690	1,983

SILVER.

No. of packages	Bullions.	Govt. of India Rs.	Other coin.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
4 Bundles ...	...	8,000	...
4 Bundles ...	...	5,665	...
7 Packages..	...	2,175	...
2 Bundles ...	...	4,000	...
2 " ...	...	2,600	...
2 " ...	...	3,000	...
2 " ...	...	4,000	...
3 " ...	...	3,300	...
9 " ...	...	14,900	...

Importers.	Vessels.	From.
M. Mackenzie & Co.....	Dumra	Bnareh
E. Hayim	do	do
Canji Dwarkadass...	do	Muscat
Sundry Importers	Linga	Jeddah
A. R. Doshi	Madura	Kuweit
M. Mackenzie & Co	do	Abass
do	do	Bashire
do	do	Behrein
do	do	Muscat
Sundry Importers.....	do	Linga

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 14th December 1909.

By	Bars.	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway ...	65	76,556
B. B. & C. I. Railway...	26	29,623

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 16.

The freight market is duller than ever and there is practically no demand for tonnage. Good rain is reported from the wheat growing tracts which should prove most beneficial to early sowings, while increasing the area now being sown with wheat. Rates for the engagements reported for current month run from 14s.6d to 15s.6d; January engagements figure at 15s to 16s, February at 15s.

Charters.—A steamer is engaged for picked ports January at 15s.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 17th December.

635.—Detail for the week ending 18th instant.

To-day Friday 17th inst.—All Recruits of the current season to parade at Head Quarters at 6-30 p.m.

636.—Musketry—The Range at Ghat Kopar will be available as follows:—

Saturday, 18th inst. for Class Firing.
Sunday, 19th instant reserved for "D" Company.
Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6-5 a. m.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. W. HAWES, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, 17th December,

720 DRILL.

No 1 and 2 Companies Saturday the 18th instant. 6 Pr. Gun Drill at Oyster Rock parade at Apollo Bunder at 4-45 p. m.

Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

721 PRACTICE.

Practice from the 6 Pr. Guns at Oyster Rock both Companies to parade at Apollo Bunder at 9-15 a. m.

Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

E. P. CUDLIP, Lt., R. A.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

NOTICE.

A Bombay Vol. Artillery Subscription Dance will be held at the Town Hall on Friday 7th January 1910) commencing at 9-30 p. m.

Admission by ticket only.

For members of the Corps Rs. 2.

For non-members Rs. 3.

Each gentlemen's ticket entitles one free admission for one lady.

Extra Ladies Tickets Re. 1.

Tickets can be obtained from

(1) B. V. A. Head Quarters.
(2) Sergeants of the Corps.

Members are requested to appear in Uniforms.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

BY CAPTAIN H.E.E. PROCTER, A.-D.-C., COMMANDING.

Bombay, 17th December.

1. There will be no Class Firing at Santa Cruz to-morrow afternoon Saturday, the 18th instant.

2. There will be a Parade for all members at Santa Cruz on Wednesday next, the 22nd instant, at 7-15 a.m. Rendezvous on the flats near the Jackal Club. Members residing in the Fort are reminded that they will have to send their horses out over night. Picketing pegs and heel ropes will be provided on the camp ground. Train leaves Church Gate Station, at 6-20 a.m.

Dress—Drill Order, Khaki, Carbines and Swords.

NOTICE.

Members who intend dining in Camp the evening previous to parade will kindly notify Mr. H. F. Lodge, care of the Standard Life Insurance Co., Ltd., Hornby Road or the Jackal Club, Santa Cruz.

D. W. WILSON, Lieut.,
Actg. Adjt., Bo. L. Horse.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by medicine dealers everywhere.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Olympia s—35 bales wool, G Gungadas; 70 bales wool, N Goculdas; 44 bales wool. The Bombay and Co; 37 bales wool, H K M Jaitha; 23 bales wool, and 4 bales cotton, A Lalji; 200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 15 cwts curry powder, M Poonjiaji and Sons; 225 bales cottonfly, K Visram; 37 bales wool, M Jaitha; 261 bales cottonfly H E Bode and Sons.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—1 bale skins R M Kooka; 2 bales woollen carpets, S J Tellary.

Nonsuch s—1,116 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.

Dido s—1,665 cwts cottonseed, and 220 cwts castorseed, L Drefuse and Co; 9,125 cwts cottonseed, A Khimji.

George M Embrico s—1,027 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

Southville s—16.000 cwts cottonseed, Sonday and Co; 8,003 cwts cottonseed, L Pragji.

St. Bride s—4,000 cwts cottonseed, L Drefuse and Co.

FOR GHENT.

Dido s—55 bales cotton, Prier de Soanet and Co.

FOR LEITH.

Umsingha s—2,000 cwts cottonseed, Volkart Bros.

FOR ANTWERP.

Culna s—220 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 330 bales cotton, A Moritz and Co; 1,000 tons manganese ore, Shaw Wallace and Co; 2,009 cwts rapeseed, Ralli Bros; 185 cwts bone meal, C Mody and Co; 2,000 cwts maize, R P Nanavati; 2,200 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 110 bales cotton, Glade and Co; 55 bales cotton, The Bombay and Co; 2,000 cwts teelseed, S Cooverji and Co.

Jerseymoor s—100 bales cottonfly and 52 bales cotton, W Wolf and Sons; 250 bales cottonfly. C Peraj; 4,000 cwts bone meal, E C Nanji.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Woods s—500 tons manganese ore, M Doonger; 1,500 cwts buffalo horns, E Mahomed.

FOR GENOA.

Siam s—65 bales cottonfly, C Boggiano and Co; 1,004 cwts rapeseed, Ralli Bros.

Luzon s—600 bales cotton, A Moritz and Co; 200 bales cotton, Volkart Bros.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

Olympia s—40 bales twist, Gazel Bros.

FOR ALEXANDRETTA.

Olympia s—40 bales twist, Gazal Bros.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Olympia s—1,000 cwts groundnuts, L Dreyfuse and Co.

Siam s—2,001 cwts teelseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Devanha s—25 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 250 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co; 100 bales twist, Framji Sons and Co.

Capri s—12 1-2 cwts sharkfins, K N Mianee.

Bombay Maru s—351 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Devanha s—36 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 100 bales twist, The M B Kaisha; 250 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

Bombay Maru s—150 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Devanha s—200 bales cotton, The Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

Capri s—1,200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Bombay Maru s—3 1-4 cwts rice, G Dossa and Co; 900 bales cotton, The M B Kaisha.

Begum s—200 bales cotton, Vatcha Ghandhi and Sons; 500 bales cotton, The M B Kaisha; 100 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Capri s—200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

Devanha s—800 bales cotton, The Japan Cotton Trading and Co.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Bombay Maru s—500 bales cotton, S J David and Co; 500 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR OSAKA.

Begum s—100 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

S S Massilia 3,250 tons, Captain J Thomson sailed for Liverpool on 5th day of December with 2,729 bales wool 5,773 bales cotton and the following cargo :—

FOR LIVERPOOL.

915 balee cotton Ralli Brothers, 650 bales cotton Volkart Bros, 600 bales cotton Glazebrook and Co, 871 bales

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H M S Hyacinth..... ....Capt Dick .....Flagship

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Dec. 16.

Brilliant.....3609 Morrison.....Standard Oil Co
Britannia.....1949 Hales .....Bs & H S & Co
Blake ....2896 Hill .....W & A Graham & Co
Caledonia .... 3529 W Hayward.....P & O S N Co
Dinsdale Hall...2534 Browne.....W F Graham & Co
Fulrala.....3102 Reddoth.....M M & Co
Hild...719 Salveson ..Bangkok.....F F Campbell & Co
Kaiser.....1714...Holds...Zanjibar...23 12...a Strineis
Kilbride .....2335 Macferione.....The Captain
Lisson .....3181 L Randie ... .
Majidi.....1857 Newly.....B & P S N Co
Nisam.....2041 Morgon.....Turner Morrison & Co
Nadir.....2041 Birv.....T Morrison & Co
Polunda.....723 Burton.....Moysten.....F Plant
Purley .....2785 A L Pritchett... .....
Quorimia..... 4033.....Smith M M & Co
Sanctoria...2378 Ward.....The Bombay & Co
Shah Nawaz.....3522 Mitchell.....B and H S N Co
Swaledale.....2347 Field.....Killick Nixon & Co
Venetia .....2393 Parlon.....W & A Graham & Co
Vermont .....2723 Hargoses ...W & A Graham & Co
Vadala.....2164 Peck.....M M & Co
Wooda.....2460 Hughes.....T T M &Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Dest.	Date.	Agents
A Asmye	4359	Jones			P & O S N Co
B Did	3127	Runton	Hull	22-12	J Finlay & Co
C & R Culna	3963	Maclachlan	Antwerp	20-12	M M & Co
F King Malcolm	2828	Thomas	Antwerp		T M rison & Co
G Hadari	1563	Gray	Zanzibar	11-12	B & P S N Co
K Begum	2942	Nicoll			T M & Co
M Dumra	762	Manley	P Gulf	16-12	M M & Co
N Smithvills	2263	Hair	Hull	24 12	W & A Graham & Co
O Roma	2363	W M Storas			W & A G & Co
P Ulmsings	1839	Robertson Seith		15-12	W & A Graham & Co
Q St Bride	2414	Nicall			W & A Graham & Co
T Ismaila	3381	Fenvere	Calcutta	18 12	M M & Co
Sirsvati	413	Ahmed	Mangloro	17 12	H W P D B S N & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

3 Nonsuch	2114	Alston	London	18 12	W & A Graham & Co
4 Gorge M Embricos	2244	Goulandris	Port Said	18 12	Relli Bros
5 Siam	2953	Iongen	Marseilles	17-12	P M & Co
6 Jerseymoor	2353	A W Stonehouse	Liverpool	15 12	T Morrison & Co
8 Bombay Maru	2398	Ivans	Kobe	24 12	N Y K Kaisha
10&11 Devanha	4784	Powel	Shanghai	22-12	P & O Co
12&13 Egypt	4178	Summers	London	18 12	P & O S N Co
15 Glendhu	2629	Norrie	Kobe	4-12	T M & Co
16 Capri	2718	Dini	Hongkong	17 12	Florio Rubattino & Co
46 Olympia	2369	Tait			W & A Graham & Co

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Marienfels s	Pathas	Hamburg, etc.
	Florioan s	Work	Calcutta
	Nonsuch s	Alston	London&Garston

The following vessels began to load on Thursday:—
Steamer Nadir for Calcutta.
" Kaiser for Zanzibar.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P and O Co's steamer Salsette with the Homeward mails of the 11th instant arrived at Aden at 3 p. m. on Wednesday the 15th inst.

The P and O Co's steamer Mantua, with the Outward mails of the 10th instant passed Suez at 8 a. m. on Thursday the 16th inst.

The Florio and Rubattino S. N. Company's steamer Ischia from Hongkong left for Singapore on the 16th inst.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer China from Japan, left Colombo on the 15th instant and is due here on the morning of the 19th inst.

IMPORTS.

S S Nadir 2,204 tons, Captain W C Bird arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Calcutta and Coast Port with the following cargo :—

FROM CALCUTTA.

120 gunnies, 42 oil, 25 cotton-waste, 344 paints, 340 oats.

FROM COCONADA.

10 castor oil.

FROM MADRAS.

18 cotton-waste.

FROM COLOMBO.

20 tea.

FROM TUTICORIN.

60 mats, 6 yarn waste, 25 tea, 35 coffee, 72 cardamoms, 66 senna leaves, 34 gunnies, 15 arobila-weed, 5 gum.

FROM ALLEPAY.

1,106 pepper, 1,683 dry ginger, 36 cardamoms, 42 mats, 765 copra, 340 gunnies, 83 turmeric, 15 cutcholam, 2 safflower, 15 sharkfins.

FROM COCHIN.

393 coir rope, 1,366 coir yarn, 24 dry ginger, 91 wild turmeric, 43 pepper.

FROM CALICUT.

499 dry ginger, 60 coconuts, 60 copra, 244 tea, 796 coir yarn, 10 coir rope, 61 mats, 2 fishmaws, 11 sharkfins, 3 coffee, 20 goolal, 37 pepper, 1 buffalo horns, 69 cow hides.

FROM CANNANORE.

264 betelnuts.

S S Faltala, 2,702 tons Captain, J S Reddock; arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Calcutta and Coast Port, with the following cargo :—

FROM CALCUTTA.

2,780 rice, 1,091 hessian cloth, 100 twine, 1,401 gunnies, 26 manila rope, 1,587 tea, 7 cardamoms 9 long pepper, 27 cheratta, 384 betelnuts 7 moorsarsnak, 6 cinaber, 33 tale, 4 pepper, 101 sugar, 45 soap, 45 wine.

FROM MADRAS.

8 paint.

FROM PONDICHERY.

12 cotton-waste, 5 wine.

FROM COCONADA.

10 cigar.

FROM GOPALPORE.

400 sugar.

FROM ALLEPAY.

352 mats, 14 cardamoms, 139 dry ginger, 279 copra, 57 pepper.

FROM CALICUT.

64 tea, 64 dry ginger, 40 copra, 384 coir yarn, 8 sharkfins, 4 fishmaws, 186 coir rope.

FROM TELLYCHERY.

115 cages, 9 betelnuts, 10 sharkfins, 43 preserve fish.

The steamer Kaiser 1,713 tons, Captain V. Holst arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Zanzibar with the following cargo :—3,722 cloves, 144 joogovmanee, 8 carpets, 57 cocoanuts oil cakes, 77 ivory, 4 moyteeth, 1 kadier, 26 pipsi, 30 old copper and brass ware, 3 Colombo roots, 1 tortoise shells, 2 shells, 100 cauries.

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ARMY DEPARTMENT.

FORT WILLIAM, THE 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

THE SERVICES of PENSIONED and DISCHARGED SEPOYS of the Native Army REQUIRED for EMPLOYMENT in civil capacities, may be obtained on application to the—

(i) Recruiting Officers in charge of the following districts :—

Peshawar (Samana via Kohat from 15th April to 15th October) for Pathans. Jhelum for Punjabi Mahomedans, Jullundur for Sikhs, Jullundur (Dharmsala from 15th April to 15th October) for Degras, Ajmer for Rajputana and Central India Hindus and Mahomedans. Delhi for Jats and Hindustani Mahomedans. Lucknow for Hindustani Hindus. Poona for Mahrattas and Dekhani Mahomedans.

(ii) Pension Pay Master, Madras, for Madrasis. &

All applications from employers should include the particulars shown below and should be addressed to the officers referred to at the places above mentioned :—

1. Name of person or firm offering employment.
2. Nature of, and place at which, employment is offered.
3. Proposed pay and period for which employment is offered.
4. Whether railway fare to place of employment will be paid or not.
5. Whether return railway fare will be paid in case of pensioner being discharged for no fault of his own, or after a definite period of service.
6. Class of men required, e.g., Sikh, Pathan, Dogras, etc.

A. H. O. SPENCE, Major,
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THE INTOLERABLE "BUREAUCRACY": TWO VIEWS.

SIR GEORGE CLARKE'S passing reference to the sometimes maligned members of the "intolerable bureaucracy," in his speech at the opening of the Orient Club, on Wednesday evening, reminds us of an interesting, if not illuminating, volume which reached India by last mail, in which, incidentally members of that bureaucracy are individually and collectively misrepresented. The work is from the pen of Mr. Wilfrid Scawen Blunt, the stormy petrel of Egyptian politics, who has of late found leisure to ruminate over his brief sojourn in India, more than a quarter of a century ago, and to present us with extracts from the private diary—and notes thereon—of his two flying visits, in a volume uniform with the "Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt." "India under Ripon" he styles it, but it will please neither the admirers nor the critics of the late Viceroy, for it is abundantly clear that Mr. Blunt never understood, and does not understand, the drift of things Indian, much less their inner meaning and merely scintillates on the surface of the waters as many a Western visitant has done before. But Mr. Blunt found it necessary to attack Government officers, who would wisely have given him a much wider berth than they did. Some of his Indian acquaintances, he says, not Bengali demagogues he is eager to have it understood, spoke to him of the gradual estrangement which had come about within their recollection between themselves and the English in India. In the days of their youth, thirty or forty years ago, they told him, though there were always among the Company's officers men who, from their abuse of power, were disliked and justly feared, the general feeling of the natives towards the English Civilian was one of respect and even of affection. That always has been said and always will be, since no man is as good as his father in the opinion of the father's contemporaries. That fact has never presented itself to Mr. Blunt, or to many another thoughtful person, though he has doubtless laughed many times at the old veteran who, for a century or more, has declared the service to be going to the dogs. No, Mr. Blunt prefers to believe that the English in early days, from their superior knowledge and strength of character, exercised no little fascination on the native mind. "Nearly all of the older men talk with reverence and esteem of certain teachers who instructed them in youth, and of certain early patrons to whom they owed their success in after life, and they willingly acknowledge the influence exercised over themselves and their generation by such individual example." And so the present-day Indians will, when we who are their seniors have crossed the ocean for the last time, and they see our sons taking our places, and soon again will the men of their day ; their grandsons of our sons, to the end of time. Old Charon, plying his paddle on the Styx, has many times condemned the inventor of the turbine propulsion as a congenital idiot. For it is as true of the old time Civilian as of Charon, that in his position "he enjoyed more power and exercised it with a greater sense of responsibility and so of honour in its discharge."

The same day that we hear of the opening of the new Orient Club premises in which they have provided ladies' rooms—and where officials and non-officials, European and Indian, meet for daily intercourse, and we are told of the success of another kindred institution—we have Mr. Blunt stating, as a fact, that the Englishwoman in India during the last thirty years has been the cause of half the bitter feelings here between race and race. "It was," he says, "her presence at Cawnpore and Lucknow that pointed the sword of revenge after the Mutiny, and it is her constantly increasing influence now that widens the gulf of ill-feeling and makes amalgamation more impossible. I have over and again noticed this. The English collector, or the English doctor, or the English judge may have the best will in the world to meet their Indian neighbours and official subordinates on equal terms. Their wives will hear of nothing of the sort and the result is a meaningless interchange of cold civilities." In Mr. Blunt's view, "nothing in the world can be more dreary than the mixed assemblies of the Indian natives and their Anglo-Indian patrons — inverted Barmecide feasts, where everything is unreal, but the meats and drinks and all the rest is ill-concealed distrust." All this is the most arrant nonsense. But we we turn back a page or two to get at what Mr. Blunt means. In the old days the European lived to a great extent among the people. He "did not disdain to make friends with those of the better classes and occasionally married among them, or at least contracted semi-matrimonial relations with the women of the land." This, he admits may have had its ill-consequences in other ways, but it "broke down the hedge of caste prejudice between East and West and gave the official a personal interest in the people which no sense of duty, however elevated, could supply." No doubt. Then the Englishmen of that day not infrequently looked upon India as his second home, says Mr. Blunt, loved India and was better loved in return. But Mr. Blunt is probably ignorant of the vast significance of the sentiment in Kipling's lines "when you've heard the East a-callin' you won't hear nothink else," and is wholly unaware how many more Europeans now, as compared with the old days—women as well as men—return to the land of their adoption and end their days in it, in preference to embarking on a new expatriation. But Mr. Blunt has a kink in his mental organism which will divert his thoughts in the wrong direction and cause him invariably to see things as others do not. It is unfortunate and we sympathise with him, as much as for any other reason, because he is so hopelessly mistaken as to the position and influence for good of the Englishwomen in India.

In another place, this aviatory observer refers to the Anglo-Indian bureaucracy as the sworn enemies of all Reform and states that the agitation against the Ilbert Bill became dangerous from the fact that it was all along fostered by the Anglo-Indian officials, who chose it as a battle-field on which to contest the principle of Lord Ripon's liberal policy. And again he tells his readers, who we imagine will be very few, that the only real change introduced in 1858 was to substitute appointment by examination for appointment by nomination, and the composition of the service has remained practically the same. If such were the case, Mr. Blunt would not have found the solution of some of the problems which perplexed him once, but which elsewhere he claims to have fathomed. Yet he continues: "The English covenanted Civilian is still as he was in the days of the Company, the practical owner of India. His position is that of a member of a Corporation, irremovable, irresponsible and amenable to no authority but that of his fellow members. In him is vested all administrative powers, the disposal of all revenue and the appointment to all subordinate posts. He is in fact, the Government and a Government of the most absolute kind." If Mr. Blunt had confined his ruminations and his observations to "India under Ripon," as he professes to do at the outset, he would not have laid himself open to charges of ignorance and misrepresentation to the extent he does by trespassing into domains and into periods of time outside his province. He does not speak of what was, in the days of Lord Ripon, but what is not in the present day, yet he apparently believes the conditions are the same. He declares he first law of the bureaucracy is its own interests; its second only those of the Indian people. Such is not and never was a fact. To Mr. Blunt, and those who are likely to be misled by him, we would commend the words of the Governor on Wednesday, wherein he observed : "I am convinced that if our bureaucrats mix freely with the other members of the Club, it will be found that they are not in the least like what they are sometimes represented to be, and that they are devoting themselves most strenuously and most conscientiously to promote the welfare of all communities in this Presidency." And we are glad to think that the same may be said of the bureaucrats of every other Presidency and Province in India.

TRADE ROUTES IN NORTHERN PERSIA. A REPORT on trade with Khorasan during the past year points out a peculiar handicap under which Indian merchants compete—or rather fail to compete—with those of Russia. The trade routes in the Nushki and Bandar Abbas districts present such difficulties of transport that the Indian merchant is able to send only one consignment of goods during the year. On the other hand, the Russian with much better facilities from the North can make at least five journeys in the course of twelve months. The state of the routes in this part of Russia simply cries out for improvement, and in the interests of this not unimportant branch of Indian trade, the Government of India should make strong representations to the Persian authorities. In the present distracted condition of Persian administration it is hardly probable that any such submissions would meet with a ready response, but on the other hand, while the Government is so fully occupied in dealing with internal disorders, it is only by repeated pressure that they will be induced to take any remedial measures in the interests of a neighbouring community. The natural consequence of the present condition of affairs is that the only market, which Indian traders can find, is for goods which the Russian does not produce. Indigo, spices and tea are the principal commodities, which they export. There is no reason, however, why if the trade routes were improved sufficiently to put the Indian on something like equal terms with the Russian, the Indians might not export commodities of a much wider range of description. Indian industrial development has surely reached, concerning most articles of popular consumption, a further point of advancement than that of Russia and this fact should be sufficient to counteract any small advantage which the Russian may enjoy in facility of transport. The safest route to Khorasan, at present, is probably that by Quetta, Nushki and Seistan, for during recent years a great deal has been done towards its improvement, and to make it easier for carriage by camel-pack. The Persian Government has also undertaken to open up a shorter route by way of the Polang Kob, on the west of Seistan, and wells have already been provided. The work on both these routes will, no doubt, have some good effect, but what is most urgently needed is some activity in regard to the tracts in the Nushki and Bandar Abbas districts.

THE DESTRUCTION OF A NATION. In these days of federations of colonies and amalgamations of states we hear—though, in this instance, with regret—of the projected merging of the Finnish people with those of "all the Russias." That such a step has been secretly decided on, is evident from the recommendations of the Joint Russo-Finnish Commission, which has been sitting to determine the limits of the legislative powers in the Empire and the Grand Duchy. This will be sad news for the Finns. Not only is their nationality to be destroyed, but we may be assured that the new regime will not involve any betterment of their conditions of government. It has already been decided that the present Governor, General Bockman, shall be dismissed, and the reason which is assigned for this by the home papers is that his administration has been altogether too passive for the reactionaries at St. Petersburg. It is believed that a successor has been selected, who will be capable of introducing all the rigours of Russian Government to Finland without compunction. Excuse for such an arbitrary absorption there is practically none. No jurisconsult outside Russia and very few in it, regard Finland as anything but a separate State. Russia conceived the military occupation of Finland to be necessary, in order to counteract the possible menace of Sweden in the Baltic, but this gives not the smallest excuse for the obliteration of a national identity. Any pretence now that the absorption of Finland is warranted as a prudent measure of defence will in the present state of European politics be an obvious prevarication.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of Burma will hold a Durbar in the Ball Room at Government House, Rangoon, on 16th February.

THE Hon'ble Emily Kinnaird, sister of Lord Kinnaird, who is in India in connection with the work of the Y. W. C. A., is staying in Madras as the guest of the Governor and Lady Lawley.

THERE is, it is understood, no present intention on the part of the Commander-in-Chief to form a Board of Selection to control appointments in the Indian Army.

THE Amir of Kabul intends, it is understood, to order another suspension bridge from India, as that erected over the Kabul river above Jellalabad has been a great success.

IT is reported that the Guides' Mess-house at Mardan had a narrow escape from being burnt down a few nights ago. Some woodwork in Library got alight, through a defective flue in an adjoining room, but the fire was discovered before it had time to spread and was easily extinguished.

SIR RICHARDS PAGET and Mr C. Watson passed through Madras from Negapatam to Calcutta on Wednesday. The former is Chairman of the A. B. C. Coupler, Ltd., and is visiting various railway centres of India and Ceylon with a view of introducing an improved combined buffer and coupling.

IT is officially notified that Mr. Ghulam Muhammad valad Khan Bahadur Wali Muhammad Bhurgri has been elected to be an Additional Member of the Legislative Council by the Jagirdars and Zamindars of Sind and that Mr Ibrahim Rahimtoola, C.I.E, has been elected to be an Additional Member by the Muhammadan Community of the City of Bombay.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay excluding still born children during the week ending December 14 was 556, giving a death-rate of 29·56, per annum per thousand as against 33·39 the corresponding period of last year, and 36·57, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 41 died from fevers ; 8, plague ; 6, small-pox ; 1, cholera ; 5, leprosy ; 53, phthisis ; 44, diseases of the nervous system ; 142, affections of the respiratory organs ; 34, diarrhoea ; 16, dysentery ; 28, still-born ; 33, old-age and debility ; 12, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 17 ; Brahmin, 22 ; Lingaet, 3 ; Bhattia, 12 ; Hindu of other caste 251, Hindu low caste, 58 ; Musalman, 134 ; Parsee, 21 ; Jew, 4 ; Native Christian, 22 ; Eurasian, 5 ; European, 6 ; and Negro-African, 1. The total number of births was 492 as against 463 the corresponding period of last year, and 471 the average over the past five years. A supplimentary note to the return states that the total number of deaths, includes 9 amongst recent arrivals from the Mofussil. The total mortality is thus reduced to 547, giving a death-rate of 29·08.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

THE KING.

THE King is, I hear, shooting wonderfully well this year, but he does not walk at all when out shooting nowadays and always has a stout little pony to carry him from covert to covert. Although such a good shot, His Majesty has never been so enthusiastic about the sport as the Prince of Wales, and what the King really enjoys thoroughly when the time of year permits is a good "foursome" at croquet by day and his rubber of bridge by night. So much, indeed, does croquet conduce to the King's happiness on a country-house visit, that a noble host and hostess who were honoured by His Majesty's presence, beneath their roof a few weeks ago had to make a croquet lawn on purpose, their garden, though a very fine one, not possessing any ground suitable for the game. Both at Biarritz, in spring, and at Marienbad, in autumn, the King passes many an afternoon at croquet, and it is largely due to the favour thus shown by so exalted a personage that the game has so come back into popularity.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT.

THE arrangements for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to South Africa are now well advanced. It is decided that their Royal Highnesses shall be accompanied by Princess Mary of Wales and the young Princess is looking forward to this trip with the greatest interest. Since it is not deemed wise to send either Royal Yachts so far afield, the precedent on the visit of the Prince and Princess to the various Colonies in the "Ophir" will be followed, and a liner is to be chartered for the accommodation of the Royal party. In all probability this vessel will be one of the newer ships of the Union-Castle Line. This will in itself be something of a compliment to South Africa, since this is the line by which most people travel to and from that part of the world. Needless to say, whatever ship is ultimately chosen, it will be practically remodelled in order to provide suitable accommodation for their Royal Highnesses and their suites. Distinguished officers of both the Army and the Navy are to accompany the Prince and Princess, and the names of these will shortly be announced. There is, it is understood, just a possibility that Lord Roberts will be the representative of the junior service on this tour. He would receive a warm welcome.

ROYALTIES.

It was a great surprise to many people to hear of the arrival of the Queen of Spain in this country. During the serious illness of her brother, Prince Leopold, he had repeatedly asked for her, so, though he is progressing favourably towards recovery, she came to see him. There are now four Queens in England. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Queen of Sweden, who is spending the winter here for her health, the Queen of Norway and the Queen of Spain.

CHRISTMAS.

The great time of rejoicing and merry-making is at hand. The shops are all most attractively bedecked; crowds stand in front of them wondering which present would suit granny or rich uncle Bob best, and whether they would guess the price. Children in the present day are so ladened with toys, that nothing really delights them. Fifty years ago, or even much less, children had few toys, consequently the few were greatly prized, and they employed their spare time inventing their own playthings. Sick children in our hospitals should certainly be remembered at this time of rejoicing, if each child sent one of his over-abundance to a poor or sick little one there would be general rejoicing.

AN ENGAGEMENT.

A recent engagement which will interest Indian readers, is that of Miss Felicity Romilly and this not only on the bride-elect's account, but also for the sweet memory of her dead mother, the late Lady Arabella Romilly. Her future husband, Mr. Ronald Mackenzie, is the eldest son of Sir John Muir Mackenzie, a man of light and leading. Miss Felicity Romilly is tall, dark and Italian-looking. The late Lady Arabella, a sister of Lord Southesk, was a woman not easily forgotten. She was a marvellous needlewoman and used to do pictures, working the draperies and backgrounds in finest silk and wool, painting the faces, hair and limbs in a most delicate manner.

FASHIONS.

Ladies are appearing in such alarmingly short frocks in the fashionable streets, that some people are trying to find a meaning. I have heard it unkindly remarked that as the enormous hat no longer attracts attention, something else must be tried, so gauzily veiled ankles are exposed to the wintry blasts, and boots with contrasting heels are shown in the shop-windows, but it would require great strength of mind to appear in Bond-street with one of these schoolgirl's frocks, black shoes and white heels.

The shop-keepers wonder why white gloves are so popular, no shade or make is able to oust them. The reason is not far to seek. One buys a dozen pairs of white gloves, they clean over and over again; if one glove is spoiled in any way, it is easy to make another pair when they are all the same colour and make : hence the white glove. Just now we are saving quite large sums on our gloves, long ones are no longer worn in the day time, which is a great saving in buying and also for cleaning.

UNLUCKY JEWELS.

The Hope Blue Diamond is supposed to have gone down with its owner in the Straits of Rheo, as a result of the ship-wreck of the "Teyne." It would seem that the end of the story of a stone which has brought great misfortune to many people has been reached. It would be well to let the stone remain on the sand and coral of the warm tropical sea. Marie Antoinette, the Princess de Lamballe, and Madame de Montespan all wore the blue stone, and their misfortunes are now history. A French actress had the jewel in her corsage, on the evening she was shot by a jealous Russian lover, and when the stone was in the possession of the ex-Sultan, its guardian was strangled at his post. These are a few of the people to whom the stone has brought disaster. The Hope Diamond must be an exception, for blue stones are, as a rule, considered lucky. The old rhyme runs :—

Oh, green is forsaken and yellow foresworn.
But blue is the sweetest colour that's worn.

A WOMAN has just matriculated at the Washington State University, U.S.A., at the age of seventy-nine. She intends taking the full graduate's course.

A PARTY of the National Society of Cinematograph Operators have visited Brighton to witness a demonstration of a new invention which will project stereoscopic pictures in natural colours. The results were very satisfactory.

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS.

"THE EDUCATION OF UNCLE PAUL" by Algernon Blackwood—(Macmillan).—All lovers of imaginative mystical stories will be charmed with this work. Uncle Paul had led a solitary life in the Canadian forests for twenty years. His intercourse had been with nature ; he had mixed little with his own kind ; he was therefore a shy, reserved man when he returned to the old country and went to stay with his widowed sister and her children. The children soon found out that he was a dreamer as they were, and Nixie, a highly imaginative child, takes complete possession of him, and they wander off together to unknown regions of dreamland. But this sweet companionship which meant so much to the lonely man suddenly ended. Nixie died, telling Uncle Paul with her dying breath, that she would come back, "just as the trees do in the spring." And her disembodied soul does return to him and communes with him spiritually. He finds occupation to fill the void Nixie has left, by devoting his time and money to the rescue of unhappy waifs in our big cities.

"THE KING'S MISNON," by J. Bloundelle-Burton—(Georges Bell).—A good historical novel of the time of Henri III. His mother, Catherine de Medici, was dying. There was much trouble in France, there being three aspirants for the throne. Henri III King, Henri of Guise, the popular King of Paris, and Henri of Navarre, a Protestant. Saint Bartholomew's Eve was still fresh in peoples' minds, murder and bloodshed stalked unchecked through the land, still out of such unfavourable conditions the author has written a most interesting story. Gracieuse, the heroine, is a charming character. On hearing of her husband's death, she said to her lover, "Not now. He is dead—God forgive him—but—he was my husband. I—oh !—he worked evil to me—he parted—us—but we once stood side by side at the altar. I must have time to forget that I pledged myself to him, was forced to pledge myself ; that I was his wife in name. 'Till death us do part' and now death has parted us." After reading of all her sufferings, it will be realised that only a noble character could have uttered such words.

"THE PRICE OF LIS DORIS," by Maarten Maartens.—(Methuen.)—Mr. Maartens has written a fine book—a little long, a little crowded perhaps, with unessential dialogue, in places a little highly coloured—but, on the whole, his best novel for a very long time. It is the story of a Dutch painter, Lis Doris, and of his love for Yetta, the wife of Odo Pareys. It is concerned, therefore, with these three people, and the greatest of them is Odo Pareys. Odo is one of the wicked, coloured villains of the world, but it is to the credit of Mr. Maartens that he is not conventional. When we first see him in his studio filled with gorgeous Oriental stuff, wit his Chinese dogs and his Chinese servants, we know that he is going to be wicked, but not that he is going to be wicked in quite so interesting a way.

MESSRS John Murray have added one more book, to their "Wisdom of the East Series"—"THE PATH OF LIGHT." A Manual of Maha-Jana Buddhism. In a lenghty introduction, the author L. D. Barnett, M. A., gives the life of Gautama Buddha and an outline of his teaching.

"HOW TO KEEP 'FIT'"! A handy little book the size of a pocket-book for soldiers to carry about with them, is published by Gale and Polden. Containing useful hints on all sorts of subjects as bites, corns, sore feets, and many others ; and as the price is three pence, it is within the reach of all.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA DECEMBER 15.

With reference to Indian Army Order No. 625 of 1909, it is notified for information that immediately the sanction of Government has been received to the purchase of 303 maxim guns by a Volunteer Corps, the necessary demands for the stores required should be submitted by the Officer Commanding the Corps concerned direct to the Director-General of Ordnance in India, Simla. On receipt of the appliestion the Director-General of Ordnance will decide whether stocks in arsenals of the stores required permit of the supply, or, whether the stores will have to be obtained from England. In the former case instructions will be issued to the Corps to submit a payment requisition on the arsenal where the stores are available. In the latter case the supply will be arranged for by the Director-General of Ordnance, but the Corps concerned will be required to place the funds at the disposal of the Director-General of Stores, India Office, London within one month of intimation from the Director-General of Ordnance in India that a demand has been submitted to the India Office.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The following officers have been appointed to the Supernumerary List of the Indian Army, and will be attached to the British Regiments stated against their names :—

2nd Lieuts. T. C. Mackenzie to 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment ; Semins, Bedford Regiment, to 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment ; Forbes, King's Own Scottish Borders to 1st Battalion Gloucester Regt ; Hume, to 1st Battalion, Connaught Rangers ; C. B. Hacket, Yorkshire Regt, to 2nd Battalion Leinster Regiment ; A. G. Cunningham, Royal Field Arty. to 2nd Battalion, Leinster Regt; Mules, Lancashire Regt, to 2nd Battn East Lancashire Regt ; B. L Jones, Welsh Regt to 1st Battn Wales Borderers; Innes, East Kent Regt to 1st Seaforth Highlanders.

Lieut Hankin, 1st Battery Royal Field Artillery, is transferred to No. 9 Ammunition Column.

Surgeon-General Sir G. Bomford, Director-General, Indian Medical Service, is permitted to retire from 1st January 1910.

Colonel G. W. Mitchell, Indian Army, on arrival in India, has assumed the duties of Assistant Adjutant General, Poona Division.

The Rifle Brigade under Colonel King Slater arrived in Calcutta to-day and the Gordon's leave tomorrow.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

Lieut.-Colonel Lukis, I. M. S., who is on tour in Madras, visited the General Hospital and the Medical College this morning.

Sanction has been given for the appointment of Lieutenant E. A. Reck, 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers, with the Egyptian Army and he will proceed to Cairo shortly to take up duty.

BOMBAY, ARRIVALS DECEMBER 16.—Lieutenant Blaker R. A. M. C. from Allahabad.
Lieutenant Beeman, 6th Goorkhas from Dibrugarh.
Lieutenant Macready, 120th Rajputana from Dibrugarh.
Lieutenant Knowles, I. M. S. from Aden.
Lieutenant Sutton, D. Bc. from Aden.

DEPARTURES, DECEMBER 16.—Lieutenant Macready, 120th Rajputana, to Somaliland.
Lieutenant Knowles, I. M. S. to Sangor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Central Division.

THE counting of the votes for the election of two additional members of the Legislative Council by the Municipalities and Local Boards of the Central Division, took place on the 15th instant at Poona, when the following candidates were declared by the Commissioner, Central Division, to be duly elected to the Council :—

By the Municipalities : Rao Bahadur Ganesh Vyankatesh Joshi.

By the Local Boards : Mr. Siddhanath Dhonde. Garud. Rao Bahadur G. V. Joshi retired on pension from the Educational Department some years ago, and has since resided in Poona. Mr. S. D. Garud is a Pleader practising in Dhulia.

MR. RICHARDS, Engineer-in-Chief, Zadaban-Chittagong Railway Survey, is appointed Engineer State Railway Surveys, Burma, from the 1st December, 1909.

LORD HAWKE has joined the General Council of the Imperial Maritime League.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

"IRELAND'S GREATEST CHANCE."

Colonial "Dreadnoughts" Soon to be Ordered.

LORD AMPTHILL HECKLED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Mr. McKenna, speaking at Southend, gave details of the Government construction of "Dreadnoughts," in order, he said, to assure his constituents, that people might sleep comfortably in their beds. He mentioned that the orders for Australian and New Zealand "Dreadnoughts" would shortly be placed.

Mr. Redmond, speaking at Dublin, stated that Mr. Asquith's declaration was Ireland's greatest chance of the century for tearing up the infamous Act of Union.

Lord Curzon, speaking at Oldham, defended the hereditary principle, which was instinct with the national life. The Lords, he said, were above the dangers and temptations, which beset popular judgment. The consent of the two Chambers was required before any revolutionary change was effected. He was convinced that the Lords would refuse to play the ignoble and dangerous part expected.

Lord Ampthill, speaking at Kettering, was unable to complete his speech, defending the Lords, owing to incessant interruptions.

Lord Denbigh, speaking at Finsbury amidst an uproar, said that he preferred to go down fighting, than lie down and be jumped on.

KING LEOPOLD'S ILLNESS.

Patient's Condition more Hopeful.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Brussels telegrams state that owing to the old intestinal complaint, it is feared that the operation on King Leopold has not been so successful as was hoped. It appears that his condition is growing worse.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

A telegram from Brussels, dated midnight, states that King Leopold is improving.

LATER.

King Leopold passed an excellent night.

THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

Negotiation for English Participation.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Sir Ernest Cassel is at present in Berlin. It is believed that he is negotiating English participation in the Baghdad Railway.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

A correspondent of the *Times* in Berlin suggests that the visit of Sir Ernest Cassel is in response to German proposals. He speaks of a fresh attempt by German promoters of the Baghad Railway, to secure participation of British capital in the Gulf section.

DELIMITATION OF MACAO.

Arbitration Refused by China.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

China has refused to consent to arbitration in the dispute with regard to the delimitation of Macao.

MEDICAL RESEARCH IN LONDON.

Brothers Beits' Munificent Gift.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Mr. Otto Beit has given £165,000 sterling in addition to the £50,000 sterling bequeathed by his brother Alfred, to endow a section in the London University for medical research. This provides for ten fellowships of the value of £250 yearly, tenable for three years. Any man or woman graduate of European descent in the Empire is eligible.

GOVERNOR OF NATAL.

Lord Methuen Appointed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Lord Methuen has been appointed Governor of Natal.

SIR HELY HUTCHINSON.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

Sir Hely Hutchinson has left Cape Colony for Home.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 15.

The death is announced of Major-General Sir George Marshall.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Deaths are announced of Bishop Awdry, formerly of Tokio, and of Sir William Deavoeux.

[Major-General Sir George Henry Marshall, who was made a K. C. B. in 1901, joined the Royal Artillery in 1861. He served in South Africa during 1899 and 1900 in command of the Royal Artillery, was twice mentioned in despatches and received a medal with six clasps and the K. C. B. He was 66 years of age, having been born on the 31st March, 1843, and in 1869, he was married to Marian, daughter of the late Thomas Dives. He was the son of the late Lieut.-Col. George Turnbull Marshall, of the Bengal Infantry.]

THE Kothapakonda riot case concluded at Guntur yesterday. The Sessions Judge will deliver judgment on the 21st instant.

CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.

Much Profit Derived by Tour.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The Chinese Naval Commissioners have left London for France. A Guard of Honour was in attendance at the station. The Chinese Minister, Sir Robert and Lady Hart and others, were present to bid them farewell.

Admiral Sah, in an interview with Reuter's representative, said the Prince and all Commissioners were much gratified at the hospitality shown them in Britain. He did not doubt that the Chinese Government would profit greatly by what the Commissioners had learned in England in reorganising the navy.

There was at present no question of placing orders for ships.

THE AUSTRIAN REICHSRATH.

Anti-Slav Tactics.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

Extraordinary obstruction is proceeding in Austrian Reichsrath by members of the Slav Union who refuse to allow any legislation until the Cabinet is remodelled. A Czech member, M. Kotlarsch, spoke for thirteen hours yesterday. Other parties are combining to carry on sittings continuously and to tire out the Slavs.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Sir George Reid Accepts Office.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

A Melbourne telegram states that Sir George Reid has accepted the Commonwealth High Commissionership in London.

THE KHEDIVE'S HAJ.

Arrival at Mecca.

LONDON, DECEMBER 16.

The Khedive has arrived at Mecca.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST EUROPEAN DRIVER.

Accused Acquitted.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The case in which European driver named Patrick Foran, of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, was charged by Head Constable of Damukdia Railway Police with having assaulted him on the 21st September last while in the discharged of his duty, has concluded after a trial lasting for some days before Mr. J. A. Ezechiel, District Magistrate of Nadia. The Constable's case was that on the morning in question he with two others having engine passes wished to travel on accused's engine from Damukdia station to Ghat to meet the Darjeeling train. While he was on the engine the driver pushed him and he fell and hurt himself and the driver also assaulted him with his fists. Defence was that there was no assault committed by the accused who in exercise of his discretion refused to allow the constable to ride on the frame work of his engine on its way to Damukdia Ghat.

The Magistrate disbelieved the story for the prosecution and acquitted accused.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Contract to be Extended for Fifty Years.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 16.

The *Pioneer's* London correspondent wires that Sir Henry Kimber, presiding at a meeting of the South Indian Railway Company, stated that the Company's present contract would terminate at the end of 1910, and Lord Morley proposed an extension of fifty years without any guarantee as to dividends. They had many sittings at the India Office. Lord Morley put the capitalised value of the undertaking at £15,000,000 sterling, £1,000,000 belonging to the Company and the rest to Government. It is improbable, added Sir Henry Kimber, that the line would ever pay less than 4 1/2 per cent. and he recommended the acceptance of Lord Morley's proposals.

GRAIN COMPENSATION IN MADRAS.

To Continue till January.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

The Government of Madras have sanctioned the continuance of the grant of compensation for dearness of food to whole-time servants of Government on establishments whose pay does not exceed Rs. 30 up to end of January next in all districts except Vizagapatam, Godavery, Kurnool, Bellary and Chingleput.

SOMALI MULLAH ACTIVE.

Position however not Critical.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD DECEMBER 16.

The *Pioneer* writes that though the Mullah has undoubtedly shown some activity within the last few months, and friendly tribes have been harried to some extent, the position is not a critical one Such posts as are held by our troops are quite strong enough to resist an attack by the Mullah's followers even though a proportion of these are armed with rifles, and convoys can be adequately protected. General De Brath has by this time received reinforcements in the shape of a full battalion of Indian Infantry, and he can dispose of these in a manner that will prevent anything untoward happening.

VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

Preponderance of Bengal Landowners.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The Zemindars of Bengal have succeeded in capturing nearly all the seats in the Bengal Council, and it is now becoming evident that three landlords, the Maharaja of Burdwan and the Maharajas of Durbhanga and Tagore, will be returned by the non-official members of the local Council to the Viceroy's Council, to the entire exclusion of representatives of the educated middle classes. The fact is attracting notice, and the *Daily News* writes that the number of seats on the Bengal Legislative Council, allotted to the landlord interest, is five and they have direct representation on the Viceroy's Legislative Council as well. Locally it is much wished that the landholders will be content with the ample representation they have got.

We understand that two zemindars are likely to offer themselves for election to the Viceroy's Legislative Council by the non-official of the Bengal Legislative Council. It is to be hoped they will be better advised, and not offer themselves for election. The effect of the election of two landlords by the non-official members of the Bengal Council, in addition to the representative directly elected by the landlords' vote, will be to give undue representation to the landlord interest, and particularly to the Bengal landed interest on the Viceroy's Legislative Council. Properly considered, the two seats should be filled by representatives of the educated middle classes, who by their training and experience of affairs, would be better fitted to take an advantageous part in the deliberations of the Viceroy's Legislative Council.

GOOD-BYE TO SECUNDERABAD.

Departure of a Sporting Regiment.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DECEMBER 16.

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, has left this station by two special trains en route for Jubbulpore. The first train contained Headquarters Staff under Colonel Stanton, with band and colours, and the second under Major Lyon Campbell, the right wing of the Battalion. Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at the station, where crowds assembled to bid farewell to the Regiment. The bands of the Cheshire, 2nd Rajput, and 86th Carnatic Regiments were present. General Sir James Wolfe Murray, Commanding the 9th Division, and Major General Kennyon Slavey, were among the many officers on the platform. A number of ladies were also present. The Regiment has been perhaps the most popular stationed here, for many years. They have led the way in sport of all kinds, and only recently secured four challenge cups, two for cricket, one for boxing, and one in the assault-at-arms. They will be greately missed by both the general and military population.

The Sherwood Foresters arrive in two batches this week.

THE MONEY-LENDING CURSE.

Being Trampled out in Turkistan.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

A report on the Indo-Chinese Turkistan trade via Ladak for the year ending 31st March, 1909, is published:—It is gratifying to note that the trade of 1908-09 has increased considerably since last year. The imports consisted of the same class of goods as imported last year, but they are much larger. The ready sale of goods last year, and the brisk market for Indian and European-made goods influenced traders to increase their wares. The British Consul adds, "Money-leading, a business in which the Hindus from Shikarpur have been engaged in this country for many years, has been put a stop to by the Chinese Governor, and I am helping the Chinese to trample out the curse.

INDIAN COTTON CROP.

Fairly Satisfactory Season.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

A recently issued memorandum summarises the provincial reports of the cotton crop, up to the 30th of November, and compares them so far as possible with those for the two preceding years. The character of the season has been fairly satisfactory in the principal cotton growing tracts. The total area under cotton in all territories reported is 19,771,000 acres, which is practically the same as at this date last year (19,772,000 acres revised figure). No estimate of the output has been received from Central India, but assuming this year's output in that territory to be not less than that of last year, the total output may be estimated at 4,289,000 bales of 400 lbs. each, as against 3,670,000 bales last year, an increase of 17 per cent.

The British territory, which usually represents 64 per cent. of the total area, returns 13,964,000 acres and 2,744,000 bales, as against 12,187,000 acres and 22,76,000 bales last year. The Native States report a total area of 78,07,000 acres estimated to yield about 1,545,000 bales, as compared with 7,585,000 acres and 1,394,000 bales last year.

STEAMER'S CARGO ON FIRE.

One Week Delayed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

The Madras Agents of the Norddeutcher Lloyd report that that Company's mail steamer "Prinz Ludwig" was due to arrive at Colombo on the 26th instant. Homeward bound, she reached Hongkong with her cargo on fire. She will probably arrive at Colombo one week late.

ALL-INDIA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 16.

The dates of the All-India Hockey Tournament have been fixed for the 21st to the 26th February, 1910, and the preliminary round will take place on the 18th and 19th February.

THE death is announced of Miss Edith Dumayne, daughter of Sir Frederick Dumayne of Calcutta Port Trust.

YEOTMAL PLEADER'S CASE.

Position of Legal Practitioners.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NAGPUR, DECEMBER 15.

Madheo Shrihari Anne, B.A., B.L., Pleader, Yeotmal, was suspended from practice as he was bound down under Section 108A, Criminal Procedure Code, by the Sessions Judge, East Berar. Anne filed a petition in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, Nagpur, against the order of suspension for a period under Section 13 of the Legal Practitioners' Act as applied to Berar.

The Judicial Commissioner passed an order, upholding the order of the Lower Court, and suspending him from practice till 31st March next. After that period Anne may apply for renewal and if his conduct as a citizen in the interim has been satisfactory, his certificate may be renewed, provided he makes and signs a declaration that he will in future conform to law which prohibits speaking, writing or disseminating seditious matter. In the reasons for passing this order the Judicial Commissioner observes: "It seems to me clear that whether a person is proceeded against under Section 108A or that for offence punishable under Section 124A, a finding that words used are seditious is essential to the success of prosecution."

The Judicial Commissioner further remarks: "My final conclusion is that this Court cannot let Anne's conduct pass without serious notice. As Pleader, he is trusted with special privileges and special status in Courts established by the Government which he tried by his speeches to bring into hatred. Under the ægis of that Government he had been earning his livelihood for about a year in the profession of which the ostensible object is to secure the operation of law, and the sooner it is understood that such conduct is incompatible with continued enjoyment of legal practitioners' privileges the better for the profession and for the public alike."

POST BOX SYSTEM OF DELIVERY.

Much Trouble Entailed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

When the Post Box system was first introduced it was announced that only such letters as bore in the address a post box number would be put into post boxes and that all letters not bearing a post box number would be delivered by the postman.

In May last, a deputation from the Calcutta Trades Association waited on the Postmaster General and asked that all letters addressed to Post Box holders, should be put into boxes whether bearing a post box number or not. Since then the Post Office have adopted the procedure to a great extent and post box holders have received all their letters from their post boxes.

The Postmaster General now says that the system entails heavy extra work on the Post Office sorting staff who after first sorting for post box numbers, then sort for names of post box holders whose letters do not bear a post box number and finally sort for letters to be delivered by the postman.

The Postmaster General states that this procedure delays post box delivery as well as the delivery by postmen and that if there were only two system of delivery, (1) through the post box into which only letters bearing a post box number would be sorted, and (2) delivery by the postman of all letters not bearing a post box number, much valuable time would be saved while both the deliveries would be made earlier.

THE PATIALA SEDITION CASES.

Adjourned for a Day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PATIALA, DECEMBER 16.

The Special Tribunal assembled to-day at the special desire of the Maharaja in His Highness' State office in the Secretariat Buildings. This movement was presumably, to afford the largest accommodation to admit of the presence of all the accused. The Tribunal were informed by Major James, Medical Officer of the State, that Mr. Grey was indisposed and consequently too feeble to appear. An adjournment was therefore ordered until to-morrow.

The prisoners all appear to be of a very respectable class and public interest in them grows daily, especially as there is dissatisfaction prevalent which handicapped their being represented by competent Counsel, especially as it is known that the Arya Samaj has marked its determination to defend those prisoners who were Samajists by a donation of Rs. 10,000. In the meanwhile it seems to be the desire of the State to limit the time of the trial as much as possible and as only the principal accused are being represented, the others being under the same charge will derive benefit as well. It is anticipated that as the Court holidays will commence from 21st instant and run into a few days in January, Mr. Grey will lay and before the Tribunal such evidence as will constitute a prima facie case after which the charge will be framed and the question of bail will be considered so as to allow the accused the benefit of consulting their counsel without restriction.

LORD AND LADY MINTO.

Leave for Darjeeling.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The Viceroy and Lady Minto, accompanied by Lady Antrim, Colonel Brooke and Captains, Jelf and Holden, left for Darjeeling this evening and return to Calcutta on 21st instant.

The Lady and Minto Electrical Annexe of the Medical College Hospital will be opened on the 25th January in the afternoon by Her Excellency the Countess of Minto.

WEEKLY PLAGUE REPORT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

During the week ending 11th December the total mortality from plague rose to 5,736 and there were no less than 6,897 cases. The provincial figures were 644 Bombay, 64 Madras, 343 Bengal, 2,432 United Provinces, 1,287 Punjab, 61 Burma, 450 Central Provinces, 88 Mysore State, 4 Hyderabad, 44 Central India, 284 Rajputana, and 35 Kashmir.

THE Bengal Chamber of Commerce has decided to support the East India Railway's project for a bridge over the Ganges at Mokameh.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Lieutenant H. W. Bell to be Assistant Political Agent, Fourth Grade, on probation, and to do duty as Assistant Political Agent and Adjutant, Kolhapur Infantry.

Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S., on relief, to be Political Agent, Surgana.

Mr. J. Nissim, Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., to act as Political Agent, Surgana, as a temporary measure from date of departure of Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I. C. S., pending the arrival of Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S.

Mr. R. M. Phillips, on return to duty, to be District Superintendent of Police, Dharwar, vice Mr. W. A. Dubois, retiring.

Mr. Joseph Rodgers, Acting District Deputy Collector in the district of Poona, to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Captain W A M Temple, Cantonment Magistrate, Devlali, to be a Justice of the Peace within the Presidency.

Mr W L B Souter, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, has been allowed an extension for three months of the furlough granted to him.

Mr. A. E. Cumming, City Magistrate, Karachi, is granted, with effect from the 4th January, 1910, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to fourteen months and twenty-five days, with permission to prefix the Bakri Id and Christmas Holidays, viz. from the 22nd December 1909 to the 3rd January 1910 to the leave.

The services of Captain J Anderson, I M S, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Home Department, with effect from the 15th December 1909 or subsequent date of relief.

Mr. Jonardan Damodar Dikshit, on return from leave, to be Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Thana, vice Mr S J Murphy, I C S, proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr D R S Bourke, on return from leave, to be Divisional Forest Officer, Central Thana.

Mr. A. A. Musto to be Agricultural Engineer in the Department of Agriculture for a period not exceeding two years, with effect from the date of his joining the new appointment.

Mr. G. W. Hatch, I.C.S., Collector of Bombay, is allowed privilege leave for two months and eight days from 28th December 1909.

Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I.C.S., to do duty as Collector of Bombay, Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, Registrar of Bombay, and Commissioner for the purposes of the Income Tax Act for the Town and Island of Bombay during the absence on privilege leave of Mr. G. W. Hatch, I.C.S., on pending further orders.

Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I.C.S., on relief, to be Collector of Nasik and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Nasik District.

Mr. J. Ghosal, I. C. S., to act as Collector of Ratnagiri and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Ratnagiri District pending further orders.

Mr. J. Nissim, I. C. S., to act as Collector of Nasik and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Nasik District, as a temporary measure, from date of departure of Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I. C. S., pending the arrival of Mr. A. F. Maconochie, I. C. S.

Mr. John Edgar Drummond is authorised to pilot vessels in the port of Bombay.

The furlough granted to the Reverend J. D. Gordon, Junior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, has been extended by two days.

The Reverend W. A. Sawten, Chaplain on probation, is appointed Supernumerary Chaplain at the Cathedral, Bombay.

During the absence on leave of Mr. F. W. Bain, M. A. (Oxon.), on pending further orders:—Mr. A. C. L. Wilkinson, M.A. (Cantab.), to act as Principal, Deccan College, Poona; Mr. Pestanji Ardeshir Wadia, M.A. (Bom.), to act as Professor of History and Political Economy, Deccan College, Poona.

Mr. W. C. McDonald, Distillery Expert, Bombay Presidency is invested with all the powers under section 36 (a) with respect to all breweries, distilleries and bonded warehouses in the Bombay Presidency proper.

Major S. H. Burnett, M. B., C. M., I. M. S., acted as Professor of Pathology and Morbid Anatomy and Curator of Pathological Museum, Grant Medical College, Bombay, in addition to his own duties during the absence on leave of Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. L. Meyer, M. D., B. S. (London), I. M. S.

Mr. E. G. L. Laird-MacGregor, Assistant Collector, Haveli, and Magistrate, First Class, to be a Sub-Divisional Magistrate for the whole Western Division, Poona.

1st Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps:—Ronald Stuart Moberly to be Second-Lieutenant, to fill an existing vacancy. Dated 1st November 1909. Arthur Ernest Mould to be Second-Lieutenant, to fill an existing vacancy. Dated 1st November 1909.

Sind Volunteer Rifles:—Captain George Eustratius Xydis to be Major vice C. S. Anderson, promoted. Dated 18th June 1909. Lieutenant Percival Wren to be Captain vice G. E. Xydis, promoted. Dated 18th June 1909. Lieutenant George Arthur Green to be Captain, to fill an existing vacancy. Dated 1st October 1909. Second-Lieutenant Harry John Mahon to be Captain, to fill an existing vacancy. Dated 1st October 1909.

The following notification by the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), is republished:—"The services of Captain T. S. B. Williams, M.B., I.M.S., are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bombay for employment on special duty."

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to announce that, the Board of Trustees of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India has been constituted as follows:—Ex officio.—The Director of Public Instruction for the Presidency of Bombay. The Collector of Bombay, the Principal of the Sir J. J. School of Art, the Superintendent, Archæological Survey, Western Circle.—Elected by the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay.—The Honourable Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta, K.C.I.E., the Honourable Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, C.I.E. Nominated by Government.—Mr. W. S. Millard, Mr. S. M. Edwardes, I.C.S., Mr. Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney.

Major P. P. Kilkelly, M.B., I. M. S., has been allowed by His Majesty's Secretary of State for India to return to duty.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burke, M.B., I. M. S., was on general duty from the 5th November 1909 to date of resuming charge of the Civil Surgeoncy of Poona.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burke, M.B., I. M. S., Civil Surgeon of the First Class, to be Civil Surgeon Poona.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Smith, M.B., M.Ch. (R. U. I.) D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. (Camb.), I. M. S., Civil Surgeon of the First Class, to be Civil Surgeon, Belgaum.

Captain R. W. Anthony, M.B., C.M., I. M. S., Civil Surgeon of the Second Class, to be Civil Surgeon, Ratnagiri.

Captain M. S. Irani, I. M. S., Officiating Civil Surgeon, of the Second Class, to be Civil Surgeon, Bijapur.

The following reversions are ordered in the Engineer Establishment with effect from the 26th November:—Mr. G. MacHarrison from Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, temporary, to Superintending Engineer, 3rd Class. Mr. D. W. Herbert from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Class, temporary, to Acting Superintending Engineer.

IMPERIAL GRANT TO MUNICIPALITIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 15.

The Burma Government has granted a sum of Rs. 4,000 out of one lakh asked by the Municipality from the Imperial grant of three lakhs made annually for expenditure on sanitary improvements with special reference to prevention of plague. Endeavour will be made to make the further grant Rs. 35,000 for the same purpose next year.

THE BENGAL DEPORTEES.

Persistent Rumour of Release.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

It now transpires that the abandonment of the recent meeting of protest in Calcutta in connection with deportees was due to a rumour which has got about to the effect that Krishna Kumar Dutt and one other deportee will be released on the first proximo. This rumour is unconfirmed officially, but is persistent.

CIVIL RULES OF PRACTICE.

Rule for Guidance of Pleaders.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

Under section 125 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to sanction the following draft rules to be framed by the High Court, Madras, in substitution of Rule No. 277 and Civil Rules of Practice, except when specially authorised by Court or by consent of party a pleader who has advised in connection with institution of suit, appeal or other proceeding or has drawn pleadings in connection with any such matter or has during progress of any such suit, appeal or other proceeding acted for a party, shall not unless he first gives the party for whom he has advised, drawn pleadings or acted an opportunity of engaging his services appear in such suit appeal or other proceeding or in any appeal or application for revision arising therefrom or in any matter connected therewith, for any person whose interest is opposed to that of his former client provided that consent of the party shall be presumed if he engages another pleader to appear for him in such suit appeal or other proceeding without offering an engagement to pleader whose services he originally engaged.

EUROPEAN CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE.

Found Guilty of Grievous Hurt.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The case of T. J. Edwards, a European, who is charged with culpable homicide not amounting to murder and grievous hurt, was concluded at the High Court Sessions this afternoon before Mr. Justice Holmwood.

Edwards made a statement admitting having used the razor, but in self-defence. He was shaving when deceased came and insulted Harrison and himself, Harrison remonstrated with deceased who assaulted him On Harrison crying out for help he (Edwards) rushed out with the razor in his hand. A struggle ensued between him and the accused and in the course of the struggle he must have accidentally injured the deceased.

After a deliberation of fifteen minutes the jury unanimously found Edwards not guilty of culpable homicide, but guilty of grievous hurt.

His Lordship sentenced Edwards to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment.

GENERAL COWANS ON VOLUNTEER BARGAINS.

A PERUSAL of the speech read by General Cowans at the Calcutta St. Andrew's Dinner on the 30th ultimo will repay any one who has the defence of our Indian Empire at heart. We flatter ourselves that the General's remarks concerning Universal Training do but enunciate the principles we have emphasized in these columns over and over again. With much that the General said concerning Volunteers and Volunteering, our own special subject, we are in complete accord, and particularly do we adopt the General's expressed views with reference to the formation of an Association "which could and would give an authoritative expression of the wishes and views of the different elements which go to make up our various Volunteer Corps." This is the old home Volunteer C.O's Conference over again and its successors the Council of Territorial Associations. But does General Cowans use the word authoritative as it should be used? When one is said to express a view or a wish with authority it is implied that that view shall be respected, that wish fulfilled; that is an authoritative expression of a view, or a wish. Does the General intend us to believe that it is possible to form an Association in the interests of Volunteers whose voice the Government will listen to? We hope so. To form an Association which will correctly voice the feelings of Volunteers on topics common to various Corps is not a matter of any difficulty, but will that voice ever carry the authority that the General's language would imply? If so new era dawns upon us and with it we would gladly forget the past and the parsimony of the Government that has in its blindness starved slighted and stinted our Volunteer Corps in India so long as there have been such Corps to starve, to slight and to stint. We may well forget in Calcutta Colonel Binning's constant cry for more Instructors and Colonel Apostolides' oft-repeated but still unanswered request for a range, or the same cries in Bombay or Burma.

General Cowans goes on to say, "What Government wants of Volunteers can be stated very briefly—it is efficient military assistance in cases where Regular troops are either lacking or are inadequate for the tasks set them. Government in return for its outlay asks for an assurance that in certain possible contingencies it will obtain a certain definite amount of assistance. This seems a simple business proposition. I am afraid the bargain is in some cases a bad one for Government." If so surely the responsibility rests firstly on the Government's paid organisers!

It is somewhat difficult to deal with the charge laid at the door of our Volunteers here because of its vagueness and want of particulars and, may we say, its unfairness? "I am afraid the bargain is in some cases a bad one for Government." We certainly cannot recall a case in which Government has got less than it has paid for, for it pays so precious little "while the number of cases in which it gets more than it pays for is great indeed." To name one, has General Cowans forgotten that the Cantonment of Segowlie was abandoned and our regular troops withdrawn from the Nepal Frontier because the Government considered that the defence of that Frontier might safely be left in the hands of the Behar Light Horse, as it has been ever since and is to-day? And to come nearer Calcutta, have not the garrisons at Dum Dum and Barrackpore and even Fort William been greatly reduced? And are we to believe that the existence of the various Corps in and around Calcutta is in no way connected with these reductions? Is this not efficient military assistance?

We do not for one moment contend that the Volunteers are perfect, nor do we believe that they themselves are blind to their many faults. But what we do say is, that having regard to the treatment they have received at the hands of the Government they serve we are surprised that there are so many Volunteers as efficient as they are.

Would it surprise General Cowans to be told that even before the advent of the Territorials the mass of the Volunteers at home received regular pay as long as they were at their annual camp, and this from the Colonel Commanding down to the latest recruit in the ranks, in addition to rations, travelling allowance, etc.? Efficiency at home connotes attendance at camp, and attendance at camp costs the home Volunteer (or Territorial as he now is) practically nothing. The funds come from Government. In India it is with difficulty that any Corps can get a few tents from Government for their camp, and in many cases tents cannot be had and funds are everywhere wanting. Let us again recall the shrinking part-worn overcoats issued for the Delhi Durbar Contingent. What are we to say of our Government out here spending as it does its many lakhs yearly on the "Simla Exodus" and allowing the magnificent sum of Rs. 800 to a Corps 1,500 strong "for one year's field days and camp expenses. Not a shilling per head per annum towards that training which can alone make the men efficient." Has the Government ever enquired, and does General Cowans know what it cost the men of "F" Company of the First Calcutta Volunteer Rifles to have a camp last year—does he know what their camp costs the Calcutta Light Horse every year? How much of this does the Government contribute? Are these among the bad bargains to which General Cowans refers? Surely! not then at least pay the cost of the good ones.

General Cowans tells us that he does not wish to depreciate Volunteers and that he is one of their greatest advocates and admirers. We are reminded of a letter written by a young subaltern to a firm of photographers who had treated him unfairly in some materials supplied and charges made, "You call yourself the amateur's friend," said the subaltern, "Good God! what must his enemy be like."—"Indian Volunteer Record."

THE PERIL OF AUSTRALIA.

An Imminent Emergency.

Every traveller who visits the Island Continent for the first time comes away impressed by the resources and the potentialities of that wonderful land. He finds himself in the presence of a people untouched by the social evils, the overpowering problems, which harass us in the old world. As he walks through the streets of the Australian towns he realises that here there are practically no "poor" in the European sense of the term, none of that appalling poverty that miserable degradation, which saddens us in the very heart of the British capital and in the great centres of our industrial towns. Such an ill-fed, ill-clad, dejected mob of stunted degenerate men and women as one may too often see in some busy textile towns of Yorkshire and Lancashire could not be collected in the whole of Victoria and New South Wales. Here is a population free, prosperous well fed, well educated, enjoing the bounties of the sun and the southern breeze, able to develop their own individuality as only the favoured minority can do in the older communities. Nature has treated them no less kindly than history. There is no record of ancient wars, no traditions of conquest or class hatreds stamped upon the vast plains where enough wheat might be grown and sheep and cattle grazed to feed all Europe. The corn, the wool, the wine, the gold, the sea fisheries of Australia are gifts which this fortunate nation has inherited without bloodshed or those dire struggles which leave their mark upon future generations. Yet over all this happiness there rests one deep shadow. The Australians are too few in numbers to make full use of the assets which might be theirs. Their potential riches remain very largely undeveloped because there are too few hands to garner them. Australia might be—it ought to be—one of the greater nations of the world. But it is not that except on the map. There, indeed, it looms gigantic. Take up that irregular circle of red from the southern seas and drop it upon Europe, and it would blot out Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, and Spain, and still have overlapping space. But judged by population, Australia is not one of the great nations. It is, indeed, one of the smallest.

This fifth of the earth's Continents, with single States larger than historic kingdoms and empires, has far fewer inhabitants than those for whom the police force of London are responsible. In population it is no larger than Belgium, a tiny shred of flat country that would be lost in the back lands of Queensland or South Australia. The people of the Commonwealth have hardly as yet possessed their own great island. They are a mere fringe of population, sparsely strewn along the sea-coast, too few in number even to hold that rim except in dots and patches. Five millions of inhabitants at present own an area that could support a hundred millions, and still be far more thinly populated than any State of Western Europe. It is a dangerous, even a ridiculous situation, and we do not wonder that it rouses anxiety among thoughtful Australians. There is every reason why it should do so. Australia's vast and fertile solitudes must inevitably attract the cupidity of other nations, teeming with exurient mouths and clutching hands, unless Australia can herself both occupy and defend them. And how can she do either the one or the other with her present quite inadequate stock of human beings? At her present rate of stagnating increase it will be past the middle of the century before she numbers eight millions of citizens; by that time Japan will have sixty or seventy millions, the United States nearly a hundred and fifty millions, Germany and Austria perhaps an equal, China anything up to four hundred or five hundred millions. In the face of such figures Australia cannot afford to be a very small nation; she may arm and drill all her adult males but they might still be too few to resist the forces that might be arrayed against her for warlike conquest, or the more insidious process of economic attack. It is vital to the very existence of Australia that she should add rapidly to the number of her white inhabitants. The natural increase is not sufficient, for some reasons into which we need not now enter. The rate has risen a little of late, but it is still below that of most other civilised and uncivilised nations. Therefore Australia must draw its human supplies from abroad; and since it is our desire, and the desire of all Australians, that the Continent should remain British in texture and character, it must be replenished in the main from these islands. Not only must there be no restrictions to deter the right kind of immigrant, but he must be given all reasonable inducements to come in. Thousands of Englishmen, Scotsmen, and Irishmen drift away to the United States every year who might be employed in building up the Commonwealth and rearing children who may help to defend its territory when the day of challenge comes. But the adult immigrant can only solve a part of the problem. The most obvious way out of the difficulty is to provide facilities to enable young men and women to migrate from the Mother-country to Australia and to establish them upon the land there, giving them the training and help necessary to adapt them for the life of the settler and farmer. It is a case for joint action between the Government of the Commonwealth and the States, and the Imperial and local authorities at home. For us it is important to relieve the congestion of our population; for Australia it is essential to relieve her weakness in the vital element. It is no longer an academic question, but one of imminent emergency, and Australia must deal with it effectually if her glorious prospect of the future is not to be in the gravest jeopardy. She cannot afford to wait.—"The Standard."

ALLEGED SEDITIOUS BOOKS.

Action Forthcoming at Lahore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 16.

Both yesterday and the day previous, in Nundgopal's sedition case in Special Magistrate's court were taken up by lengthy cross-examination as to the meaning of words and phrases of incriminating articles. In the case against Kishen Singh and Lalchand Falak, the former said that the incriminating booklet, headed Deshi Fouj purported to be a translation of certain articles in *Modern Review* on the Indian Army. It was decided that action would be taken against Ajit Singh, author of these and other seditious books, *in absentia*.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 16.

Rai Bahadur Shadi Lal, M.A., B.C.L. (Oxford) Barrister-at-Law, secured the highest number of votes for the University seat and the local Council, having obtained as many as 51 his opponents Mr. Mian Mahomed Shafi Fazli Hoosen getting 31 and six votes respectively. Mr. Shadilal was General Secretaay of the late Hindu Conference, and is General Secretary of the Punjab Hindu Sabha.

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 16.

In the Lucknow Municipal election Babu Gangaprasad Varma got 14 votes and declared elected against 13 votes secured by Rai Bahadur Sri Ram. The contest was the keenest and public enthusiasm very great. General satisfaction prevails at the result.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The Bengal Mahomedans have elected Mr. Mazhurl Haq, Bar-at-law of Bankipore, to the Viceroy's Legislative Council, the landholders have elected the Maharaja of Burdwan to the Supreme Council.

Mr. Vernon Wood, Agent, A. B. Railway, has been elected for the Eastern Bengal Council by the Port Commissioners of Chittagong.

Mr. Filgate has been elected to the Bengal Council by the Tirhoot district Boards.

ACCIDENT AT POLO.

Capt Vezey's Bad Fall.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 16.

Captain O. E. Vezey, A. D. C. to His Excellency, had a bad fall at Polo yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the General Hospital, unconscious but progressing.

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

In spite of the dryness of the atmosphere, the Bombay Hounds furnished their followers with a brilliant run yesterday morning, when the appointment was at Santa Cruz. A fully representative field met on the flats below the Jackal Club at daybreak, and it was a great change to feel the air so cold after the closeness of the last week or so. The Master decided to draw the coverts on the left hand side of the Tulsi pipe line between Sahar village and the Andheri Road, and a move was made up the familiar cart-track. Hounds owned to the line of a jackal in the bushes beyond the melon ground and conducted the field at a nice hunting pass down the pipe line, then right-handed over the walled enclosure to the other side of the pipe, where one sportsman came to grief, and it is feared badly damaged his veteran pony. Back in the direction of Sahar village, left-handed across the line of paddy bunds and the cart-track that leads to Marole, in and out of the big nullah, and down to the vegetable gardens beside the backwater with their treacherous irrigation channels, all these had to be crossed. Here hounds seemed puzzled, but their quarry would not face the water and piloted them for a short distance along the bank in the direction of the stone bridge before working out into the open as if intending to cross the Andheri Road. But it was not until nearly half an hour later that he accomplished this object, as swinging away left-handed he apparently abandoned the idea and led his pursuers in a half circle back again over the nullah and Marole cart-track to his original starting point, the run up to this point having lasted exactly thirty minutes.

Passing close to the field in which the second-horses wait—where at least one wide-awake follower quickly changed his mount, this sturdy jackal entirely altered his plans as, after crossing Sahar Hill, he sped down the melon ground and was viewed obviously making a bolt for the railway. The pack raced after him and forced him to edge away right-handed towards Parla, but before reaching the village they had got round him and hustled him away past the white house in the direction of Chuckla. It was immensely satisfactory to the field that he had been prevented from crossing the railway; but this stout animal never lost heart and had the pack racing after him again down the cart-track at the edge of the melon ground, then left-handed through the Chuckla woodland country over the edge of Pereira's Hill, across the lane and down through the dry tank into the end of the Bamanwadi Valley. Where this cunning scoundrel would take the field if he did not then cross the Andheri Road could not be imagined, but he made up his mind that the pack could not be shaken off on the near side of the Andheri Road—he had certainly been all over this stretch of country to form the conclusion—and dived across this that can now almost be called "thoroughfare" into the bushes fringing the grange paddy bunds. In these bushes there is a small enclosure guarded by barbed-wire which cannot be detected when riding up to it; consequently the majority of horsemen kept out in the open in the paddy fields for a little before again taking up their position in the rather close country on the left through which the pack were hunting with much music. Hounds put in some clever work here following the line very skillfully across the lane leading to Stacey's Tank on to the slope of the Mango Tope, then down again into the strip of still marshy paddy fields to Roberts' Corner where they were at fault; but only for an instant and away they went down the grass lands of Sunday Hill through the palm woods on to the Marole Caves Hill. Here on the exposed slope of the hill scent seemed to be very scanty, but again and again were the pack put right by the brilliant work of one young hound scarcely more than a puppy, and gradually the line was worked out until descending through the far gap into the beautiful Marole valley the jackal ran right out of scent.

The run had occupied the greater portion of one hour and a half—never very fast but always at a good hunting pace. A feature of the morning was the work of the younger members of the pack which was hailed with great satisfaction by the huntsman. It was a great test as practically every description of the Salsette hunting country had been traversed, the jackal having taken a most extraordinary line visiting nearly every one of the coverts that are customarily drawn from the various meets, Sahar Hill, Cross Roads, Jackal Club, Chuckla, etc. It is probable that this customer will again be found lurking in one of these haunts, it may be that it is not the first time that he has given a run, and perhaps hounds may get on his line again from the next meet at the Cross Roads melon ground; if so, a splendid run is assured, as he seems to know exactly what is wanted to make a morning as enjoyable as possible for the followers of the Bombay Hunt.

GOLF IN BOMBAY.

"Forty Twa" Medal.

THE Royal Bombay Golf Club held the fifth competition for the above medal yesterday morning. There was a fairly good entry of 23 competitors, but only eleven returned cards, most of the players finding the "Colonel" hard to beat. The Committee had revised "Bogey's" score which, for this competition, was reduced to 39 strokes for the round of nine holes. Previously 6 strokes were allowed to each of the two long holes, and these are now reduced to 5 strokes each. All the scratch players appeared to be off their game, and Mr. Roberts, who last week played such a good round, was 4 down to "Bogey." The winning cards were returned by Messrs. Powell and Duxbury who tied for first place, both being 2 holes down to the "Colonel." Mr. Powell has already won two of these competitions, and even should he lose in playing Mr. Duxbury for this one, he is almost certain to win the medal, which is presented to the competitor winning most competitions out of the series of six played during the season. Result:—

HANDICAP.	Result.
S N Powell.....—2	2 down
B H Duxbury.....—2	2 down
H P S Lattey.....—1	3 down
L Thacker.....—2	3 down
H B Murray.....—6	3 down
A L S Roberts.....+1	4 down
E E Coombs.....scr.	4 down
S Mackenzie.....scr.	4 down
R G Abbott.....—7	4 down
P J Arnot .....—3	4 down
A. Gettins.....+1	5 down

BOMBAY RACES.

2nd Extra Meeting.

Saturday, December 18.

Horses left in after declaration of forfeit at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

THE ARAB TRIAL PLATE.—Distance 1 mile. Urgent, Silvermine, Jadir, Hoodaib, Mahan, Swalior, Shawcutt, Dhafer, Company, Precious, Devon, Tufts, Lapwing, Darwin, Corrector, Arab Lord, and Colaba.

THE LITTLE ARAB TRIAL PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs. Sir Jamal, Calcutta, Creditor, Scimitar, Darby and Plassy.

THE WINTER PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs. T. M. S., Not Yet, Lady Honour, Milner II and Chevalier.

SELLING PLATE.—Distance 1-2 mile. Orby, Annis, Hammond, Tamim, Arnica, Mishir Beg and Collector.

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs. Sinclair, Vedas, Steel, Hishan, Shanwar, Prime Minister, Zinfandel, Narain, Fairfield, M. V. O., Minerva, and Calcutta.

A MAIDEN PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs. Grey Morn II, Desert King, Thavil, Babil, Brukat, Shawcutt, Generous, Hurr, Bendor, King-Emperor, Contractor, The Monarch, Ebrahim Pasha, Hasty Jack, Gulshaful and Waziristan.

FLORILINE:—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Floriline, sprinkled on a wet tooth brush, produce a pleasant lather which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline" being composed in parts of honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Dept. 33 Farringdon Road, London, England.

THE LATE MR. K. R. CAMA.

We have received the following correspondence:—

Government House,
Bombay, December 12.

Sir,—I am charged by the Memorial Meeting in honour of the late Mr. K. R. Cama, held at the Framji Cowasji Institute on the 8th instant, of which I was Chairman, to convey to you the accompanying Resolution which was passed by acclamation.

To this Resolution I wish to add a personal expression of deep respect for the revered memory of the late Mr. Cama, and of warm sympathy for his family in the loss which they have sustained.—I am, Yours very, etc.

(Sd.) G. S. CLARKE.

To Rustam K. R. Cama, Esq.
Resolution.

That this meeting desires to express its deep sense of the great loss sustained in the death of the late Mr. K. R. Cama, not only by the Community to which he belonged, but by the City and Country to which he rendered throughout his long and laborious life eminent services as a citizen, a scholar, a friend of education and a Social and Religious Reformer.

Bombay, December 15.

To H. E. Sir George S. Clarke.

Your Excellency,—I beg most respectfully to thank Your Excellency for the letter of the 12th instant conveying a resolution passed at the Memorial meeting held in honour of my late revered father at the Framji Cowasji Institute on the 8th instant.

Both myself and other members of the family of the late Mr. Cama feel a debt of gratitude to Your Excellency for having by your personal active and sympathetic co-operation helped to perpetuate the name of one so dear to us.

We further beg to express our sincere and deep sense of gratitude for the warmth of your sympathy conveyed to us by your letter.—I have etc.,

(Sd.) RUSTAM K. R. CAMA.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 16.

The weather is still unsettled in the extreme north of India, where a local precipitation has occurred. Thunder showers are reported from parts of the Central Provinces.

The principal amounts of the snowfall have been Sonemarg, one foot; Minimarg and Murree, six inches.

The rainfall has been Seoni, half an inch; Inchnagpur, three-quarters; Amraoti, one inch.

The night temperature has fallen in Rajputana and Gujarat, but continues very high in the central parts of the country.

Forecast.—Local precipitation in Kashmir and a few falls in the Central parts of the country.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 15TH DECEMBER 1909.

Amritsar.—Looks like clearing up. Wheat and rapeseed prospects improving.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat and rapeseed flourishing. Crop prospects generally good.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Sufficient rain fallen generally. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather.

Delhi.—Looks like clearing up. Expect improvement in crops owing to seasonable weather.

Agra.—Continues cloudy. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Cawnpore.—Cloudy, but no rain. Wheat doing well.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Amraoti.—Hail storms. Kharif harvest in progress.

Dhulia.—Looks like clearing up. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Jalgaon.—Cloudy, but no rain.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants in flower, flowering advanced and showing bolls in some places.

Viramgam.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants in flower.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Cotton plants healthy and showing bolls.

Barsi.—Looks like rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Hubli.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants suffering from hot winds (?). Food grains, wheat and all crops doing well.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 16TH DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Thursday, the 16th December, 1909, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear in the south-west Punjab and at Sirsa and moderately clouded elsewhere. The air continues damper. Day temperature is in moderate to large defect, the deficiency at Sirsa amounting to 20°; night temperature has become normal at Multan and Sirsa but continues in excess at the other stations.

The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is in excess. Maximum temperature is in defect at Agra and Jhansi; the minimum is everywhere in excess.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear in Sind and lightly clouded in Rajputana. The air contains the average amount of moisture in Lower Sind but continues damper elsewhere. Day temperature has risen and is now normal in Sind but is still in defect at most stations in Rajputana; night temperature is in slight excess at Jacobabad.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are lightly clouded round the Gulf of Cambay and at Indore but clear elsewhere. Humidity has decreased but is still in excess in West Central India. Maximum temperature continues in defect; the minimum is also in defect in Gujarat and on the Kathiawar Coast.

The Central Provinces.—General rain has fallen in the southern half of the division; Amraoti has had 1·10", Nagpur 0·80", Raipur 0·13", Chanda 0·23". Skies are clear in the extreme north-east but moderately to heavily clouded elsewhere. The air remains damper. Day temperature is low at Khandwa and normal at the other stations; night temperature continues higher than usual.

The Konkan.—Skies are generally clear. Humidity is normal or in excess. Temperature is nearly normal.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Sholapur records 0·30" of rain. Skies are lightly to moderately clouded in Hyderabad and in Khandesh but clear elsewhere. The moisture in the air is either equal to or above the average. Day temperature is normal; night temperature is higher than usual.

General Remarks.—Nearly general rain has fallen in the southern half of the Central Provinces, where skies have become heavily clouded. Sholapur also records 0·30" of rain. Conditions are slightly disturbed in the north Bombay Deccan and the adjacent parts of the Central Provinces.

Local rain is likely in the Southern districts of the Central Provinces. A few light showers may occur in the north Bombay Deccan.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

REPORTS from Bajour state that inter-tribal fighting has been in progress there and seems likely to continue.

HIGH COURT.

CLAIM AGAINST THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

Hearing of the Appeal.

Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Batchelor.

SANDLAL THAKERSEYDAS VS. THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

For the Plaintiff-Appellant:—Mr. G. R Lowndes, the Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Setalwad and Mr. D. F. Mulla, instructed by Messrs. Wadia, Ghandy and Company.

For the Defendant-Respondent:—The Hon'ble the Advocate-General and Mr. M. R. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Company.

Their Lordships yesterday resumed the further hearing of the appeal filed by the plaintiff against the decision of Mr. Justice Beaman, who had dismissed this suit to recover 399 bales of cotton as against the defendant Bank.

Mr. Lowndes continued his address. He dealt with the question of intention, with which the Bank had taken the bales in pledge. He said that the position taken up by the Bank was that as the goods had come to them in pledge, they were theirs and they had a right to exercise dominion over them. The learned counsel contended that that amounted to conversion. There was a conversion in this case. Firstly, by reason of a mere taking in pledge, and secondly, by reason of there being a demand and refusal. The Advocate-General had urged that the Bank had not exercised any dominion over the bales, but against that there was evidence to show that the plaintiff was not even allowed to go into the godowns when they were opened. It was immaterial that the Bank afterwards found that the goods had been fraudulently taken away by the assistant godown-keeper.

Mr. Lowndes argued that if there had been a taking of goods in pledge, and if there had been a demand and refusal, and if these two things constituted a conversion, he asked whether the Bank could then escape by putting forward the plea that Lakhmidas had the power to pledge. Counsel then dealt with the legal questions arising out of the Contract Act.

Further hearing was then adjourned.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

Claim for Damages.

Before Mr. Justice Beaman.

ROBERT SPALDING VS. JEHJEBHOY N. TODDIWALA.

For the Plaintiff:—Mr. Shortt and Mr. Welinkar, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Co.

For the Defendant:—Mr. E. B. Raikes and Mr. R. D. N. Wadia, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co.

His Lordship yesterday heard this suit filed by the plaintiff to recover from the defendant Rs. 30,000 by way of damages for alleged wrecking of the business of Messrs. Burke Spalding and Co., and for malicious prosecution preferred by the defendant against the plaintiff.

The plaintiff in his plaint stated that in November, 1908, defendant lodged an information against the plaintiff, and one Herbert Burke, charging them with criminal breach of trust in respect of two sums of money and obtained from the Magistrate a warrant for the arrest of the plaintiff who was imprisoned on the 14th November until the morning of the 16th, when he was released on bail. Defendant thereafter prosecuted the plaintiff. Plaintiff alleged that the defendant in lodging the information had acted maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause. The plaintiff was acquitted by the Magistrate on all the charges. By consequences of the acts of the defendant, the plaintiff had suffered great pain of body and mind and had incurred heavy costs in defending himself. The plaintiff was offered posts from Madras and Calcutta but owing to the pendency of the prosecution the offers fell through.

The defendant admitted having filed the information against the plaintiff and Burke and taking out a warrant, but denied that in acting as he did he had acted maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause. In May, 1908, plaintiff and Burke represented to the defendant that they had considerable knowledge and possessed influence with the mill management and that if they were taken in partnership by the defendant and supplied with the necessary funds, money could be made. Accordingly the defendant entered into an agreement with the plaintiff and Burke, to carry on business as contractors, shipchandlers and dealers in machinery under the style Burke, Spalding and Co. Under the partnership agreement the defendant was to supply the capital and he alone was to appoint bankers and draw cheques. The rough cashbook which was the basis of the accounts was kept by the plaintiff. In September, 1908, plaintiff represented to the defendant that if a deposit of Rs. 1,000 was made to the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, the firm's name would be put on the list of tenderers of goods. Acting on the representation, defendant gave the plaintiff Rs. 1,000. In September 1908, Burke, without giving notice, suddenly disappeared and in the following month plaintiff left the firm saying he was not making anything. Defendant became suspicious and on making inquiries found that Rs. 1,000 had never been deposited with the Railway Company, but the Government paper was endorsed by the plaintiff to the Bank of Bombay for the purpose of running the amount of overdrafts to be drawn by the plaintiff and Burke. The moneys drawn against the Government paper were not entered in the partnership books. The defendant believed, as he reasonably might, that the plaintiff and Burke had defrauded him. The accounts on being examined showed a deficiency of Rs. 3,600 and the defendant believed that the plaintiff and Burke had misappropriated the amount. He found in the books of account several sums, which the defendant had paid into the firm, credited to Burke by the plaintiff. He believed that the credits had been so made as to facilitate the frauds, which were practised on the defendant. He denied that the plaintiff had suffered damages as alleged, and prayed that the suit should be dismissed with costs.

The case is proceeding.

POLICE NEWS.

PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

ESPLANADE.

Before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate.

POSSESSING COCAINE WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Inspector Chapman charged Hajrimal Churai, a Pardesi, with being in possession of seven grains of cocaine without a license. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 15, or, in default, to undergo three days' simple imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR THE WILLARD MEMORIAL HOME, BOMBAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I venture to ask you to insert an appeal to your readers for the "Willard Memorial Home" situated in Sulleman Square, Grant Road, Bombay.

We are urgently needing funds both for the ordinary expenses, and also to enable us to provide Christmas fare for the inmates.

This is a Temperance Home for aged and friendless women, supported entirely by voluntary contributions. For the past eight years we have been supporting eight permanent inmates and other temporary cases from time to time. Supporters have left the city and our funds are low; but it is difficult to see what would happen to these old women if this "Home" were not there.

We shall be most thankful if, in the midst of preparations for Christmas festivities, your readers remember these poor old women. Gifts either of money or Christmas fare will be much appreciated and may be sent to me at the address given below.—Yours, etc.

(MRS.) J. B. SHARP,
(Secretary.)

129, Khetwadi Main Road, Girgaum.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

("Bombay Government Gazette," December 16.)

Mr. Krishnaji Bhimaji Bilgi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kanara, is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 3rd January 1910.

Mr. Dattatraya Moreshwar Ranadive, B A, Acting Mamlatdar of Bassein in the district of Thana, is appointed, to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr Harilal Jethabhai and Mr Muhammad Daud Shaik Ismail to be Second Grade Deputy Superintendents of Police. Mr Ramkrishna Hanmant Page to be Third Grade Deputy Superintendent of Police and to continue as seconded. Mr Hector Ratanji Kothawala and Mr Shapurji Darasha to be Third Grade Deputy Superintendents of Police.

Mr G ulam Muhammad Mir Muhammad to be substantive pro tem. Sixth Grade Deputy Collector in Sind with effect from 9th July.

Mr Chatrabhoja Laxmandas, residing at Adawad, is appointed, with effect from the 1st January 1910, to be a Conciliator under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act, 1879, within the limits of the Chopda Taluka in the Khandesh District vice Mr Raghunathdas Gopaldas, resigned.

Mr Bodharao Gopalrao Kackol, LL B, is appointed to be Subordinate Government Pleader in the Court of the Subordinate Judge at Hubli in the Dhawar District vice Mr Kashinath Gurunath Kulkarni, resigned.

Mr. Shantaram Atmaram Sabnis, B A, LL B has been admitted as a Vakil of the High Court.

Mr. Mangesh Ramchandra Bastodkar, LL B, has received a Sanad authorising him to practise as a Pleader in the Thana District.

Mr. Shivram Rameshandra Punrekar has received a Sanad authorising him to practise as a Pleader in the Belgaum District.

Mr. Vasudev Ramchandra Torne has received a Sanad authorising him to practise as a Pleader in the Belgaum District.

Mr. Rangidas Pranjivandas, Deputy Chitnis, Kaira, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of Kapadvanj vice Mr. Sevaklal Ratanlal reverting to his substantive appointment of Aval Karkun.

The four months furlough granted to Mr. Annaji Ramchandra Pethe on the 8th October 1909, is extended by one month.

Mr. Lallubhai Jivchand, Thandar of Katosan, is granted privilege leave for one month and twenty days combined with furlough for four months and ten days, and the following appointments and transfers of Thandars are ordered:—(1) Mr. Prabhashankar Vithaiji, substantive pro tem. Thandar of Sabarkantha, to do duty as substantive pro tem. Thandar of Katosan. (2) Mr. Ranchhod Pitambar, Treasurer in the Treasury Office, Mahi Kantha to act as Thandar of Sabarkantha.

Mr. Phirozsha Ratanji Kapadia, B A, Probationary Third Grade Mamlatdar, taluka Igatpuri in the Nasik District, is confirmed in that grade.

The Court of Wards having assumed the superintendence of the property of Dundappa bin Bhusappa Kongi of Nerli, taluka Hukery district Belgaum, notice is hereby given under section 14 (1) of the Court of Wards Act to all persons having claims against the Government ward or his property to submit the same in writing within six months to the Collector of Belgaum.

Mr. Hormasji Byramji Mehta, Ganging Inspector, Dadar Distillery, Bombay on Rs. 175, to do duty as Inspector, Ganja Warehouse, Bombay, on the same pay. Mr. J K Khambatta, Inspector, Ganja Warehouse, Bombay, on Rs. 100, to do duty as Ganging Inspector, Dadar Distillery, Bombay, on the same pay.

Mr. Balkrishna Y Datar, Distillery Inspector, Shiralli, Kanara District (belowghats), on Rs. 175, has been granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough up to the 31st December 1910 with effect from the 1st November 1909, and the following acting arrangements have been ordered:—Mr J J D'Souza, Sub-Inspector, Kumta-Ankola, on Rs. 40, to act as Distillery Inspector, Shiralli, on Rs. 175, vice Mr Datar from the 1st to the 30th November 1909. Mr Sadashiv K Kumthekar, Sub-Inspector, Kodibag Distillery Kanara District, on Rs. 60, to act as Distillery Inspector Shiralli, on Rs. 175, from the 1st December 1909 continuing to do duty as at present. Mr. J J D'Souza Sub Inspector, Kumta-Ankola, on Rs. 40, to act on Rs. 60 vice Mr. Kumthekar continuing to do duty as Sub-Inspector, Shiralli Distillery.

Mr P Fernandez, a Candidate, to act as Sub-Inspector, Honavar and Bhatkal, on Rs 40, vice Mr D'Souza, and to draw Rs 30 per mensem. Mr Ganpat Manjappa, Sub-Inspector, Honavar and Bhatkal, on Rs 35, to do duty as Sub-Inspector, Kumta-Ankola, on the same pay.

The following officers of the Excise Department have passed the Departmental Examination held in several districts in September 1909. The names are arranged in the order of merit in each district:—

Bombay—Mr Framji Jehangir Karaka, BA, Inspector. Mr P J Hudson, Sub Inspector. Mr Esufji J Patel, BSc Sub-Inspector. Mr R S Hurst, Sub-Inspector. Mr P C Hogan, Sub-Inspector. Mr S N Kalyanpurkar, Sub-Inspector.

Clerks—Mr B K Dessi, Mr Trimbak Mahaddo, Mr G M Pradhan, Mr M B Vijaykar.

Ahmedabad District.—Mr. Merwanji Barjorji Mehta, Sub-Inspector. Mr. Dhirajlal Jamnadas, Sub-Inspector. Mr. G. Gidney, Inspector. Clerks, Mr Ishwarlal Mugatlal, Mr Laxmiprasad Ramprasad.

Broach District.—Mr. Narotamdas Kasandas Chhatia, Sub-Inspector.

Kaira District.—Mr. Nariman Jehangirji, Sub-Inspector.

Panch Mahals District.—Mr. Motilal Maneklal Sub-Inspector.

Surat District.—Mr. Mohanlal Venilal Khanaheb, Sub-Inspector.

Mr. Jethsing Hamirsing Inamdar, Sub-Inspector. Mr. Vaghjibhai Mothibhai Amin, Sub-Inspector.

Clerks.—Mr. Savram H Desai, Mr. Haribhai Naranji Desai, Mr. Phirozsha B Kapadia, Mr. Chitmanlal Mehta.

Thana District.—Mr E W Grennan, Inspector.

Clerk.—Mr Mahadeo H Rautoo.

Ahmednagar District.—Mr L D Burns, Inspector.

East Khandesh District.—Mr C A Smith, Sub-Inspector. Clerk.—Mr D R Raudive.

West Khandesh District.—Mr B R Menezes, Sub-Inspector. Mr Sk. Usman Abdul Nabi, Inspector. Mr L D Joshi, Acting Sub-Inspector.

Nasik District.—Mr V G Powaskar, Inspector.

Poona District.—Mr Vinayak K Joshi, Acting Inspector. Mr J A Viegas, Sub-Inspector. Mr Rustom Ardeshir Antee, Sub-Inspector. Clerk.—Mr D A Gadkari.

Satara District.—Mr R S Gordon, Inspector.

Sholapur District.—Mr D Gershone, Sub-Inspector. Mr F X D'Mello, Acting Inspector.

Bijapur District.—Mr P V Ghate, Inspector. Mr Dhanjisha Ratanji Lalkaka, Inspector.

Dharwar District.—Mr B Y Bellubbi, Clerk.

Kolaba District.—Mr T G Correa, M A, Inspector, Mr A C Fernandez, Sub-Inspector.

Uran Distilleries.—Mr Sk. Abdul Razak Sk. Ghulam Mahomed, Clerk.

The following appointments are ordered in the Excise Department with effect from the 1st January 1910:—Mr. Homi Shapurji Mistry, District Inspector, Bhiwndi, Thana District, on Rs. 125, to be on special duty under the Assistant Collector of Excise, Thana and Kolaba Districts, to check smuggling of liquor from the Portuguese territory of Daman and Nagar Avely in the Thana District on the same pay. Mr. Sidi Dawood Khanzade, a Candidate, to be Inspector, on Rs. 100 on probation and to do duty as District Inspector, Bhiwndi, Thana District.

The appointment of Mr. Sidi Dawood Khanzade as Acting Inspector, Nawapur, West Khandesh District, on Rs. 100, cancelled and the following acting arrangement is ordered:—Mr. Shaik Abdul Rahiman, Sub-Inspector, Sindkheda, West Khandesh District, and transferred as Sub-Inspector, Surat Distillery, on Rs. 75, to continue to act on Rs. 100 as Inspector, Navapur.) Mr. Ghulam Hoosein B. Munshi, Acting Sub-Inspector, Surat Distillery, on Rs. 60 to continue to act as Sub-Inspector, Surat Distillery, on Rs. 75 per mensem.

Whereas the term of office of the present councillors of the Municipal Board of Ahmedabad expires on 31st March 1910, and whereas the question of the grant of the extended elective franchise to the said Board being under consideration, it is desirable to continue the said Board in office, Commissioner, Northern Division, hereby directs that the terms of office of the said councillors be extended to 30th September 1910.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it "will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair" to its original colour without having the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemists for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere. Wholesale Depot, 68, Farringdon Road, London, England.

THE SEASON IN BOMBAY.

The Bombay season reports for the week ending 14th December, are published:—

KARACHI.

Seventy six cents of rain during week at Karachi. Harvesting of kharif crops completed except in tracts dependent on rainfall. Rabi sowing continues. Germinated crops in good condition. Area sown normal. Prospects good. Agricultural stock sufficient and in good condition. Drinking water-supply adequate. Stocks of grain adequate.

AHMEDABAD.

Harvesting of rice continues in Viramgam, Sanand, Parantij and Dholka talukas. Cotton in Sanand and Daskroi talukas and Gogha petha, wheat, cotton, late sown jowari and rice in Viramgam taluka, cotton and rice in Dholka taluka, jowari, rice, gram and wheat in Parantij taluka, wheat and gram in handhuka taluka and rabi maize in Modasa petha in good condition. Estimated outturn of kharif crops good. Lands being prepared for wheat cultivation in Gogha petha. Wheat and barley being irrigated in Dholka taluka. Sowing of wheat and gram in progress in Sanand and Parantij talukas. Picking of cotton in progress in Gogha petha and completed in Dhandhuka taluka. Fodder and pasturage adequate. Agricultural stock sufficiant and in good condition.

PANCH MAHALS.

Standing crops in good condition. Estimated outturn normal. Sowing of wheat and gram almost completed. Fodder-supply adequate. Agricultural stock sufficient.

KAIRA.

Four cents of rain during week at Mehmedabad Standing rabi crops of wheat, barley, cotton and tobacco in good condition. Harvesting and threshing of kharif crops continues. Estimated outturn normal except in Matar taluka. Rabi crops being irrigated. Fodder-supply adequate. Agricultural stock in good condition. Drinking water-supply adequate. Irrigation tanks and channels not up to their normal level.

BROACH.

Standing crops of cotton, wheat, jowari and pulses in good condition. Estimated outturn of bajri and rice good. Sowing of tobacco in progress in parts of Broach and Aaklesvar talukas. Supply of fodder and drinking water sufficient.

SURAT.

Harvesting of jowari commenced in Chikhli, Jalalpor and Bardoli talukas and Valod petha; that of rice continues in Bulsar and Pardi talukas and Valod petha and completed elsewhere. Standing crops in good condition. Pressing of sugarcane continues in Bulsar taluka. Supply of fodder sufficient.

THANA.

Harvesting of late crops progressing in some places in the district. Threshing in progress. Estimated outturn of early and late crops generally good. Fodder-supply adequate.

RATNAGIRI.

Threshing of kharif crops in progress. Prospects good. Supply of fodder and water plentiful. Agricultural stock in good condition.

KANARA.

Harvesting of cardamom continues in Yellapur taluka and of betelnuts in Ankola, Sirsi and Yellapur talukas. Harvesting of early rice continues. Estimated outturn normal. Lands being prepared for rabi cultivation in Kumta and Honavar talukas and Supa and Bhatkal pethas. Sowing of rabi, rice completed in Karwar taluka and continues in Ankola taluka.

EAST KHANDESH.

Harvesting of jowari continues in some talukas. Threshing of jowari commenced in Jalgaon taluka and Bhadgaon petha. Picking of cotton in progress. Standing rabi crops in good condition. Estimated-outturn of jowari, bajri and cotton good. Fodder-supply sufficient.

WEST KHANDESH.

Seven cents of rain during week at Dhulia. Harvesting of pulse in progress in Navapur petha. Harvesting of bajri and jowari continues in Nandurbar and Shanada talukas and parts of Sakri taluka. Picking of cotton completed in Shirpur taluka and continues in Sindkheda, Shahada, Dhulia, Sakri, Taloda and Nandurbar talukas. Showing of wheat in progress in irrigated lands of Navapur petha. Rabi sowing completed in Shahada taluka and continues in Sakri taluka. Standing rabi crops thriving in Nandurbar, Talods, Shahada, Sindkheda and Shirpur talukas. Fodder-supply adequate. Supply of water for drinking sufficient except in the eastern portion of Nandurbar taluka. Irrigation water insufficient in Nandurbar and Sindkheda talukas. Agricultural stock sufficient.

NASIK.

Rain needed in parts of several talukas for standing rabi crops. Threshing of kharif crops commenced. Estimated outturn of kharif and rabi crops above normal. Rabi sowing completed. Fodder-supply sufficient but grass dear in Chandor taluka. Agricultural stock in fair condition. Drinking water-supply sufficient. Irrigation water insufficient in Sinnar, Kalvan and Chandor talukas. Stocks of grain sufficient.

AHMEDNAGAR.

Rabi crops withering for want of rain. Threshing of bajri in progress. Picking of cotton continues. Grasshoppers almost disappeared. Agricultural stock insufficient. Grass available. Drinking water-supply adequate. Stocks of grain sufficient.

POONA.

Rain generally needed for rabi crops, especially in the eastern division. Harvesting of bajri and rice in progress. Standing rabi crops in fair condition in the western division, but withering for want of rain in the eastern division. Grasshoppers almost disappeared. Fodder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock in good condition, but insufficient in Bhimthadi taluka and Dhond petha. Drinking water-supply adequate. Water-supply in irrigation wells and channels running short. Stocks of grain sufficient.

SHOLAPUR.

Rain urgently needed throughout the district. Standing crops in good condition except those in light soil which are withering for want of sufficient moisture. Estimated outturn of kharif crops good in Sholapur and Barsi talukas, fair to good in Sangola, Pandharpur and Karmala talukas and fair in Madha and Malsiras talukas. Area under rabi crops normal in Sholapur, Barsi and Karmala talukas, 5 per cent. above normal in Malsiras taluka and 20, 10 and 7 1-2 per cent. below normal in Madha.

SATARA.

Rain needed generally. Harvesting of kharif crops in progress. Rabi crops doing well. Area sown with kharif and rabi crops practically normal. Agricultural stock insufficient in Valva, Khanapur and Khatav talukas.

BIJAPUR.

Rain needed almost everywhere. Harvesting of kharif crops nearly completed. Estimated outturn of kharif crops fair to good. Standing rabi crops generally in good condition. Fodder-supply sufficient. Agricultural stock sufficient and in fair condition. Drinking and irrigation water-supply adequate. Stocks of grain sufficient.

BELGAUM.

Harvesting of kharif crops continues. Garden crops in fair condition. Rabi, jowari and cotton crops slightly withering for want of moisture in Gokak and Hukeri talukas respectively. Grasshoppers did slight damage to crops in parts of Chikodi, Gokak and Parasgad talukas, but are disappearing from Chikodi and Parasgad talukas. Fodder-supply adequate. Supply of water for drinking sufficient. Irrigation tanks and channels contain a moderate supply of water. Agricultural stock sufficient and in good condition.

MR. JOHN ROBERTS IN BOMBAY.

MR. JOHN ROBERTS played his fourth game in Bombay last night at the Commercial Gymkhana, when he had as his opponent Mr. John Avery, who received 600 start in 1,000 points up. Mr. Roberts again gave a very interesting exhibition and although he scored consistently at the top of the table, he played a very open game. One break of 89 was noticeable for a succession, after the white ball had been lost, of fourteen losing hazards off the red.

Mr. Roberts' principal breaks were 109, 77, 105, 89, 62, 50, 53, and 50. The game ended:—

Roberts	1,000
Avery	784

THE LADIES' CORNER.

FAMOUS FORMULA NOW MADE PUBLIC.

The "Standard" publishes the following:—"A complexion like an Englishwoman's," or "*Belle comme une anglaise*"—these expressions are frequently to be heard in France when our gallant neighbours voice their admiration for a beautiful and charming woman. Indeed, the "English Complexion" is admired the world over, and deservedly so. There is a clearness, a freshness, a "fineness" about the skin and complexion of our women which is to a great extent an insular characteristic. Doubtless the use of cosmetics on the Continent is carried to excess; and it is not too generally known that there are many so-called aids to beauty which contain bismuth, acids, and other deleterious matter which, in the ends, makes the complexion dark and unhealthy looking, and the skin dry and leathery. Unfortunately these insidious toilet preparations are too frequently employed by Englishwomen with the result that the "English complexion" is often sadly deteriorated. These considerations bring us to our point. There is not the slightest reason why every one should not possess a lovely complexion, and this not only without trouble but by means of a most pleasing natural treatment. It is open to all to make use of the following, which has given delight to thousands. From your chemist get a four-ounce bottle containing two ounces of rose water, add the contents of a two-ounce bottle of Flowers of Oxzoin, one drachm of Tincture of Benzoin, and from half to one teaspoonful of French Fons Fleur, a lovely perfume sold in small bottles. The ingredients and quantities must not be changed in any way. Your chemist will make up the preparation for you if you prefer it. There could not possibly be a more perfect skin-purifier and complexion beautifier than this simple prescription presents. Apply night and morning with the hands or a sponge. Dry well with a towel or rub in with the fingers. The results are astonishing especially where any disagreeable skin blemishes are giving trouble. Sometimes they will entirely disappear in a night. This grand preparation will be found of sovereign value in cases where the skin has been discoloured in injured by injudicious toilet articles. It acts in harmony with the really wonderful functions of the skin—functions which are so easily interfered with by anything contrary to Nature's laws and requirements.

REGISTRY OFFICE MARRIAG

BY THE WAY.

SCOTLAND'S OLDEST GUARDSMAN.

There has just passed away in Edinburgh Mr avid Gordon, who was reputed to be the oldest uardsman in Scotland, while he was also probably oldest Freemason in Edinburgh. Deceased, who s seventy-six years of age, was the son of a well-own cattle-dealer in the North of Scotland. hen little more than a youth, Gordon joined the d Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, and was esent on duty at the Exhibition of 1851. He s also at the Duke of Wellington's funeral in 1852. fter the battle of Inkerman, he was sent out to e Crimea as a corporal, and was some time after ading, appointed to the command of a brigade spital near Balaclava. He had the honour of rking alongside Miss Florence Nightingale.

A SLUMP IN READING.

A remarkable fact was revealed the other y by the Glasgow City Librarian. In practical- all the district libraries in the city there as during a recent week, a considerable ecrease both in the number of books issued r home reading and in the total attendance, ven the system the decrease in the total attendance mounted to about 2,500 daily (about 10 per cent.), nd the decrease in the lending library issue in the hole of the libraries was about 400 per day, as mpared with the corresponding week last year. e explanation is, not that the residents in the city the Clyde are turning to other and less desirable ays of spending the time, but that Glasgow was for ye in the grip of an all-pervading fog!

"BACKWOODSMEN."

That the term "backwoodsmen" would some day me to be applied to a party within so aristocratic body as the British House of Lords would, no oubt, have seemed flatly incredible to those who st used the word. The earliest quotation given Sir James Murray in the New English Dictionary from Cobbett, who speaks of "the habitual dis-gard of comfort of an American backwoodsmen" a characteristic which is certainly not shared by r modern types of the class at Westminster. e Century Dictionary gives an interesting ference to the following passage in Byron ("Don an," viii., 61):

The General Boon, backwoodsman of Kentucky,
Was happiest among mortals anywhere.

FRENCH BANK-NOTES.

On January 3 the Bank of France will issue a new undred-franc note—a striking contrast writes a Lon-n correspondent in colour and design to our simple d sober-hued "fiver." The new French notes will be lychrome—we are not yet told the exact colours—d on the face of them will be two female figures, presenting Commerce and Agriculture, with two ked boys, suggesting, as M. Miguel Zamacois morously says in the "Figaro," that Commerce and griculture keep alive those who follow them but not go as far as clothing them. On the other de of the note is depicted Fortune descending from r wheel and offering herself to a blacksmith who leaning against his anvil—a symbolising of Work. rench bank-notes have generally been elaborate.

WHERE IT IS WARM.

The announcement that the Royal Geographical ociety of Copenhagen is fitting out an expedition explore "the countries round the Persian Gulf" ill surprise many in England suggests a corres-ondent who imagine that there is little of the earth utside the Polar regions which now needs explor-ng. As a matter of fact, the interior of the great rabian Peninsula is still waiting to be discovered nd not even the Poles offer such almost insur-ountable obstacles to those who seek them as the nknown land lying around the Persian Gulf. Some portions are, doubtless, as void of human beings as the frozen spaces of the earth, and will probably always remain so, for the heat experienced there is fatal to almost every kind of life.

IN MEMORY OF WHISTLER.

The Whistler Memorial Committee, having raised sufficient funds for the erection of a monument in London, as well as a replica in Lowell, Massachu-setts, the birthplace of the artist, are now awaiting delivery from M. Rodin's studio in Paris of the fine work on which he has been so long engaged. There is a third part of the scheme, the London corres-pondent of the "Scotsman" says, in respect of which an appeal for further subscriptions is still before the public. This is to erect in a public place in Paris a replica of the London monument. The selected site of the latter is in the garden of the Chelsea Embankment, not far from Sir Edgar Boehm's statue of Carlyle. For this purpose an extra £1,000, in addition to the £4,000 already sub-scribed, is required. Mr. Joseph Pennell is the hon. secretary of the committee.

"LET'S TALK OF . . . EPITAPHS."

Among the thirteen hundred epitaphs given by Mr. Ernest R. Suffling's "Epitaphia" are many quaint and curious specimens. Grimaldi off the stage was said to be a sufferer from melancholia. It will be remembered that, going to a physician on one occa-sion, he described his case, when the worthy doctor briskly told him to "Shake off the feeling. Go and see Grimaldi; and if he does not cure you, your case is, indeed, hopeless." "Alas!" said the poor sufferer, "I am Grimaldi;" His epitaph reads "Here Am I." A prize of £100 is said to have been offered by one Thorpe, who was desirous of being perpetuated, but briefly, on his tombstone. One competitor sent in "Here lies Thorpe's Corpse." This was certainly brief enough, but finally it was cut "Thorpe's Corpse,"

"GOOD NIGHT."

Many of our readers know the Douglas Jerrold and Charles Knight story. They were dining toge-ther on one occasion when the conversation turned upon epitaphs. Knight, half in jest, suggested that Jerrold should write his (Knight's) epitaph. The subject dropped at the time, but, walking home together in the evening, they came to a spot were each had to take a separate road. Jerrold, extend-ing his hand to his friend, remarked, "I've thought of a capital epitaph for you." "What is it?" said his friend, much interested. "Oh! very brief and very simple, 'Good Night!'"

WIVES AND HUSBANDS.

There are many curious epitaphs on wives. Here is one from Ulverston, Lancashire:

Here lies my wife,
Here lies she,
Hallelujah!
Hallelujee!

An inscription placed over the grave of a missionary who was accidentally shot while in India read thus:

Here lies the Rev. A—B—
For many years missionary in B— district.
He was accidentally shot by a native servant
"Well done thou good and faithful servant.

At Chelmsford, Essex, on a stone to the memory of Mary Blewitt, of the Swan," it is stated that she was the wife of nine husbands successively, but the ninth outlived her." It is added, "The Text to her Funeral Sermon was: 'Last of all, the Woman died also.'" Readers interested in epitaphs will find much in Mr. Suffling's book which will appeal to them.

A TROUT WITH A HISTORY.

The death of trout with a story is recorded by a correspondent of the "Field" as having taken place at Inverness. The fish had been landed at Milburn by the son of a Mr. M'Donald, engine-driver, was kept alive, and soon became a great pet. Upwards of ten years ago the engine-driver had it transferred to the tank of his engine, and it had since passed a some-what curious existence in the tanks of three separate railway engines. The trout was so tame that it would feed from the engine-driver's hand, and when a pail was dropped into the tank to take it out would flop into it at once. Occasionally the driver took his pet home with him, and on the last occa-sion that he did so an accident happened—a box of matches had fallen into the tank, with the result that the trout was poisoned. The trout is lamented by all the railwaymen. It travelled during its stay in the engine tank thousands of miles.

In favour of extending the Parliamentary franchise to duly qualified women, a memorial signed by 2,110 assistant mistresses in 348 public and private secondary girls' schools, has been forwarded to the Prime Minister.

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

A MUSICAL PAGEANT.

Mr. Louis N. Parker's free adaptation of Rene Fauchois'-"Beethoven," produced at His Majesty's Theatre, is not a play or a drama, or anything but a musical pageant. It should be popular with girls' schools, and a ticket might be useful as a promised reward for playing Beethoven's early sonatas with the smallest number of mistakes. Also the play would do as the subject for an examination in musical history, for naturally it is full of historical errors. But it really does not matter that Beeth-oven did not begin the composition of the ninth symphony until 1817, and that the idea of the "Ode to Joy" was still later. If M. Fauchois says it was composed in 1812 it was as far as the drama is concerned. For the same reason it does not matter that the ninth Rasoumoffsky Quartet was composed before 1807 and not in 1812. But I do think, writes a London correspondent, it is a little unfair to pretend that the Archduke Rudolf, Prince Kinsky, and Prince Lobkowitz forgot to carry out their offer of providing a pension for Beethoven.

WHY NOT ILLUSTRATE EVERY COMPOSER?

I do not quite see why the idea of "Baetheven" could not be carried farther and every composer be thus illustrated. We might have the great Bach with a new wife for each act, or even Wagner in his gorgeous dressing-gown and the famous parrot. I would suggest however, that these be musical plays without words, for "Beethoven" is full of fustian. It does not pretend to be drama, of course, but just gives us Beethoven at three different periods of his career. His love affairs have been smoothed out in an extraordinary way. Giulietta Guicciardi might have been his daughter for all the passion he shows, and Bettina Brentano, with whom Beethoven was in love, is discreetly married when we see her. Them only touch of drama is at the end of the second act, when Beethoven discovers he is stone-deaf.

HISTORICAL INCIDENTS.

All the old anecdotes are pressed into the play, from his retort to his brother boasting of being a landowner to his throwing the tongs after his servant. We do not see Beethoven absent-mindedly pouring water over his hands until he has flooded the floor, nor do we see him throw doubtful eggs one by one at the head of his cook, but you cannot get every-thing into a play. On the other hand, we see the great man composing the C minor symphony in one act and the ninth symphony in another. Sir Herbert Tree's vehement jotting down of the notes explains why the sketch books were so difficult to decipher. While the composer is thus en-gaged we hear snatches of the symphony played behind the scenes. Also, to be quite realistic, there is a low tremolo played by the orch-estra when Beethoven refers to his deafness. Of course, the great composes dies while the historical storm rages without. His last words are regret that he has no children. The stage darkens, and we see nine young women standing in a semi-circle at the back. "We are your children, Beethoven," says one of them in an elocutionary manner, and then each one, in turn, speaks a few lines to music from the symphony she is supposed to represent. It is all very pretty as a pageant, and I am quite sure the audience enjoyed Beethoven's music, excellently played by a good orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Landon Ronald. For once a theatre audience was silent so that Mr. Joseph Holbrooke may still hope for respect being shown to his music.

A CLEVER MAKE-UP.

Sir Herbert Tree's Beethoven is really a very clever exhibition of the art of make-up. He looks reasona-bly like Beethoven and has managed by wearing no heels and nether garments cut for the purpose of making his legs look shorter and by padding out his chest to give a broad squat effect to his figure to present something of the appearance of Beethoven. In manner Sir Herbert Tree is too deliberate and slow. His Beethoven is overweighted with self-pity of a despairing, bilious type. If only he would snap out his repartees and generally be more angular in his manner, and more restless with superabundant vitality he would be much nearer the real Beethoven. Still it is a very clever character performance indeed. There are no other acting parts in this pageant but Mr. Henry Ainley, growing balder with each act, gave a clever performance of Schindler the biograp-her. Mr. Edward Sass was amusing, too, as Nikolaus Beethoven, landowner. "Beethoven" is just a music-al pageant and makes a pretty enough entertainment for those who are not too familiar with the music. It may even have its educational value. Who knows? But as drama it is rank fustian. I did have one moment of real enjoyment, however and that was in hearing the first movement of the "Moonlight" Sonata as tastefully scored by Mr. Adolf Schmid for orchestra. It really sounded better than on the piano.

WORE THE KING'S HAT.

Whit Cunliffe, the well-known "masher" comedian, is probably the only man in the world who has worn part of the wardrobe of his Majesty the King on the music-hall stage. The popular come-dian has his hats made by one of the same hatters who make the King's hats, and by a coincidence, both monarch and merryman take identically the same size. One night Mr. Cunliffe, in hurrying from one Westend hall to another, placed his imma-culate shiny "topper" on the seat of the brougham, and then, absentmindedly, sat upon it. So he sent for another hat to his hatters, which arrived post haste, and the comedian wore it for his next song. On leaving the stage, he learned that the wrong hat had been forwarded. It was one that should have been sent to his Majesty that day.

LAND O' CAKES.

It has been charged against Scotsmen that they cannot readily see a joke, and yet, curiously enough most of the leading humourists of the variety stage to-day hail from the north of the Tweed. One of the happiest of these entertainers is Mr. Niel Kenyon at the London Pavilion. A queer thing about Mr. Kenyon is that so many of his stories are told at the expense of the Scottish people. It was he, I believe, who in describing a couple of men who were sitting in a restaurant, said: "One of them was a Scotsman. And the other didn't spend any money either!" It may be that Scottish people are rather proud of the parsimony which legend attributes to their race. Perhaps there is more truth in Mr. Kenyon's remark that: "When once a Scotsman has left Scotland, he never looks back. And he never goes back, unless it is to fetch his brother!"

VERY THIN.

The sale of the Middlesex Music Hall, consequent on the retirement of Mr. J. L. Graydon, the popular manager, recalls a host of memories. It was at the "Mo." that the late Dan Leno first appeared in public as an "Extra Turn," and the same house recorded the first London appearance of the great Macdermott. Macdermott was, by the way, very fastidious about his dress, especially in respect of his linen and his hosiery. It is told of him that being one day in a Regent Street shop with the view of purchasing some of the fine silk hose he habitually wore, he approa-ched the shopwalker, and said: "Haw! I want to see the thinnest thing you've got in silk stockings. Haw!! The shop-walker seemed a little suprised at the order, but, quickly recovering himself, he swal-lowed a lump in his throat and called across the shop: "Miss Markham, would you kindly step this way a moment? This gentleman wants to see you."

In Persia religious leaders at Nejf it is reported, were asked to pronounce a verdict as to the desirability of introducing modern science and arts into Persia. The Ulumas of the sacred city, it appear, have issued a *Fatwa*, making it the bounden duty of Persians to take to all modern sciences, arts and industries except the manufactory of alcohol, which is explicitly forbidden by Islam.

The death is announced from Plymouth of Major-General John C. Charley, formerly of the King's Royal Rifles. He walked from Lynmouth to the village of Lynton on Nov 23, and posted a letter to the vicar, stating that he intended to put an end to his life and asking him to break the news to his wife. A search was made, and the body was found at the foot of the cliff known as the Castle Rock, at Lynmouth. General Charley entered the Army in 1856. He served in the Afghan War 1878-80, and accompanied the 60th Rifles in the march on Candahar under Lord Roberts. For this he received the medal. He retired from the Army ten years ago.

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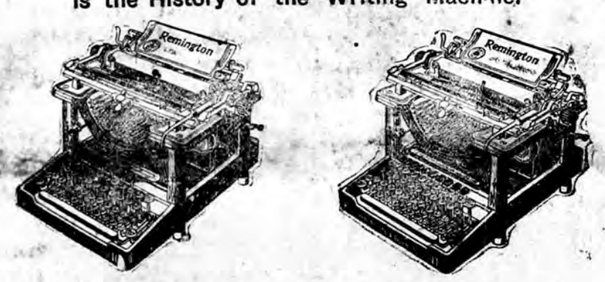

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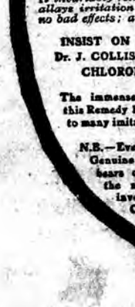

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